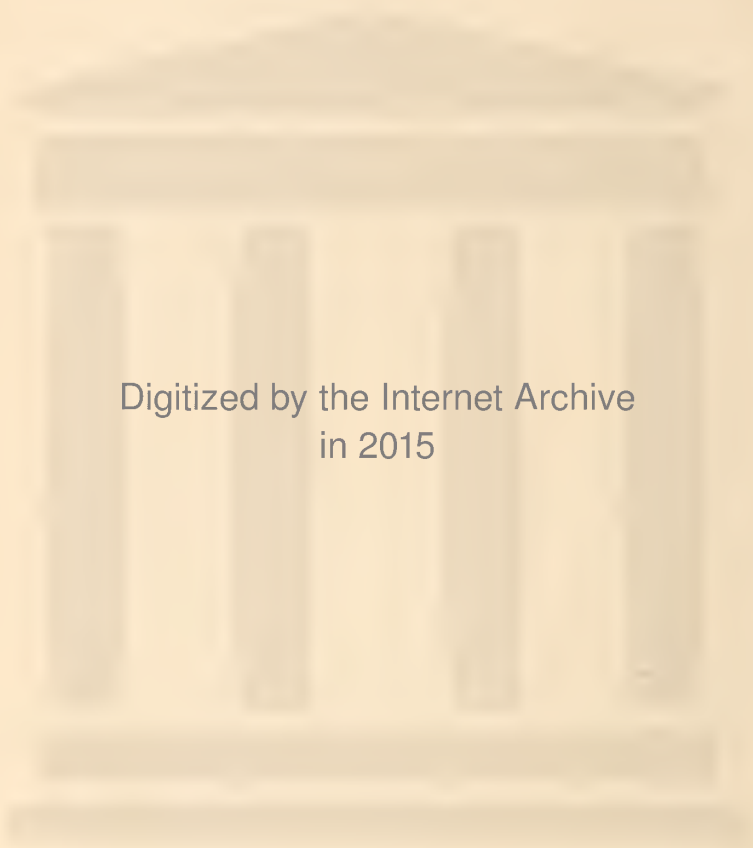


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Expect Great Things from God. Attempt Great Things for God.

Two years are whispering.

One his story tells,
And warns of coming ills, and bids Godspeed;
The other listens as a child would stand,
Crying at sight of tears, laughing at smiles,
And promising to heed all counsel well.

AGAIN we stand upon the threshold of another year. It seems but yesterday since we stood at its open door in 1893, wondering what its days and months might bring to our Board; and now the door is closed behind us, and we find ourselves face to face once more with the duties and responsibilities, the joys and privileges, of another year. What is to come to us we do not know,—whether we are to experience nothing new, nothing different from the years that are gone, a simple continuance in the well-worn pleasant paths, or whether we shall be called to launch out on unknown, tempestuous seas. This we do know—that more untiringly, more earnestly, more prayerfully than ever before, we must press on to our goal; that this year must be a part of the great onward movement for propagating Christianity in the world.

We have no new motives to present for the earnest pursuit of the work that lies before us, no new principles of action to propose; we have only the same all-powerful motive which has lost none of its force through all the nineteen centuries,—“The love of Christ constraineth us;” “If ye love me, keep my commandments;” “Thereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.” These are our broad, underlying principles, and upon these we may build. To those who share with us in this blessed service in the un-

speaking joy of being coworkers with Christ in the sublime work of bringing the world to his feet, we confidently and heartily wish a Happy New Year.

And now what greeting shall our new year give?
Shall he be lavish of good promises,
And spend his living all on them? Or shall
He quietly begin redeeming some
The old year made?

RESPONSES to the appeal for extra contributions to make up the deficiency in the receipts of the Board before December 31st have been received from most of our Branches. They all breathe a spirit of most cordial co-operation in the effort, and a great deal of earnest work is being done. At the time of writing, December 9th, it is too early to receive returns from the different Branches, but we feel very hopeful of the result.

THE topic for the Friday morning prayer meeting December 8th, was the financial condition of the Board. Very stirring appeals were made by the leader of the meeting, Mrs. F. N. Peloubet, by Mrs. Lemuel Gulliver, Mrs. Joseph Cook, Mrs. James L. Hill, and others. Prayers were offered by those who felt that they could not be denied, and the hour was full of uplifting spiritual power.

THE time has come for us to open our Calendars for 1894. The familiar names look out upon us from larger, brighter pages. The mite box is not without it, but we trust some method of daily contribution will find its place beside the reminder for daily prayer.

THE stenographic report of the proceedings of the Conference of Women's Missionary Societies, held in Chicago, September 29th and 30th, is now ready for distribution. There have been some unavoidable delays in its issue, but the committee of ladies in Chicago have done their best to have it appear as promptly as possible. It will contain papers by Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop of Scotland, Miss Clementina Butler of the Methodist Society, Mrs. Joseph Cook of our own Board, Mrs. Esther Tuttle Pritchard of the Society of Friends, Mrs. L. R. Harford of the Association of the United Brethren, Mrs. Maria Jameson of the Board of Disciples of Christ, Miss Ella McGuire, missionary of the Presbyterian Board in Japan. There are also brief reports, giving information as to thirty-six different women's missionary societies, and the discussions on various methods and topics. The whole report will be very valuable in the information given, and in the practical suggestions contained in it. It may be obtained from Miss A. R. Hartshorn, No. 1 Congregational House, Boston. Price, 20 cents each.

SAID a Chinese woman at Shanghai to the missionary: "I worship God, but I take a few sticks of incense when I pray; it seems too mean to go before him with just nothing!"

THERE must be something very good in human nature, or people would not experience so much pleasure in giving. There must be something very bad in human nature, or more people would try the experiment of giving.—*Ex.*

THE missionary, and the world-wide traveler as well, has many lessons in etiquette to learn. When Hon. George N. Anzon was admitted to an audience with the king of Korea, the royal host spoke in a low whisper, which in Korea is supposed to be the proper tone for royalty: but in Siam, at a similar interview, the king, desiring to be equally polite, "shouted as if he were leading a battalion to the charge."

Miss Abbie W. Kent, writing of the vacation of the missionaries of Japan on Mt. Hieizan, says of their Sundays:—

ON Sundays Dr. De Forest has a Bible class at nine o'clock; at ten is our service in the chapel tent, at which the missionaries take turns in conducting. At three is a Japanese service; at four children's Sunday school; at five a praise service; at half past seven a Japanese Christian Endeavor meeting. I can think of nothing more heavenly this side of Jordan than our Sundays. No one person goes to all these services, so there is abundant time to be alone with God. This year more than ever we are feeling that we must have God's leading as we go back to our various fields, for the questions that must be decided are most perplexing and grave. The prayers everywhere, in families, in all the meetings, are most earnest and pleading. The last Sunday in August we have communion service. With tent sides all raised, with the sunlight flecking the floor and grounds through the lofty trees, with the unpainted table and white cloth, stone porcelain plate for bread, glass tumbler for wine, and pitchers instead of silver decanter, heaven seems just within, and the helpfulness of it goes with us during the year.

Miss Alice H. Bushee, from San Sebastian, Sept. 6, 1893:—

SOME of the girls have been bearing a little persecution in the midst of vacation pleasures. Some time ago, after one of the temperance lessons in the Sunday school, four of the girls went to Mrs. Gulick and asked if they could form a temperance society. Mrs. Gulick had been waiting for this for years, but to find out if they knew what they were doing she brought up arguments against it. Almost every one in Spain drinks the wine of the country; they would find it in their own homes, perhaps more plentiful than water; it would even be offered them by missionaries of other Boards who do not think as we do about it. Yes; they knew it all, and still wanted the society. Then Mrs. Gulick brought out the pledge cards, and a temperance society of four was formed in wine-drinking Spain. One other has since joined; and when Miss Anna Gordon, Mrs. Gulick's sister and Miss Willard's coworker, was here some time ago, she gave them great encouragement, and held a little meeting with them.

Miss Emily McCallum, of Smyrna, writes, Oct. 12, 1893:—

THERE is so much distress among the poor, there has been so little work for them all summer, and the fig trade, on which so many people depend, has not amounted to anything this year, on account of America's refusal to admit Smyrna figs; 60,000 people are said to be without means of support, and large numbers have been receiving food all summer. Soup kitchens have been opened by the government, and the citizens have collected money and are distributing bread, rice, etc.

Ten days later Miss McCallum writes:—

WE were allowed to open our school on the 19th. We think the favor is due to the fact that the new American consul has been able to open the American market to the Smyrna figs, and so he is in high favor at present with the Pasha. The Greek and Armenian schools will not be allowed to open for a week or more.

OUR *New York Branch* has made a new departure in the issue of a small quarterly newspaper, called *The Messenger*. Its aim, according to its editorial, is to increase intelligence concerning the Branch work and enthusiasm for it in all its auxiliaries, and to bind the societies more closely together in their common interest. The first number contains items of home work, extracts from missionary letters, various practical suggestions for the different organizations, both Senior and Junior. It is a very attractive little sheet, and promises well for the future.

"The Lord giveth the word. The women that publish the tidings are a great host.

(Written for meeting in Portland, by Mrs. Ida S. V. Woodbury.)

TUNE, HARWELL.

Tell redemption's wondrous story
O'er the earth from pole to pole;
Let the Saviour's radiant glory
Shine from every ransomed soul.
Let the joyous shout, "Hosanna,
Jesus saves!" sound round the world:
Let the cross-emblazoned banner
On each hilltop be unfurled.

Ye who've heard the tender pleading,
"Come, and I will give you rest,"
Let your hearts exult in heeding
Your great Master's last behest.
"Go, ye," through the whole creation;
Far and wide my gospel send.
Go, disciple every nation;
I am with you to the end.

Point the world to Calvary's mountain,
To the precious crimson tide
Flowing forth, a cleansing fountain,
From his hands, his feet, his side.
Plenteous streams of full salvation,
For earth's every race a flood.
Speed the gracious invitation,
"Come, find healing in His blood."

Give the word, O Holy Spirit;
Publish it ye mighty host;
Let the vales and mountains hear it,
Let it ring from height to coast;
Till all hearts of men adore Him,
To his feet their tribute bring,
As they cast their crowns before Him,
Hail him Saviour, Lord, and King.

WEST CENTRAL AFRICA.

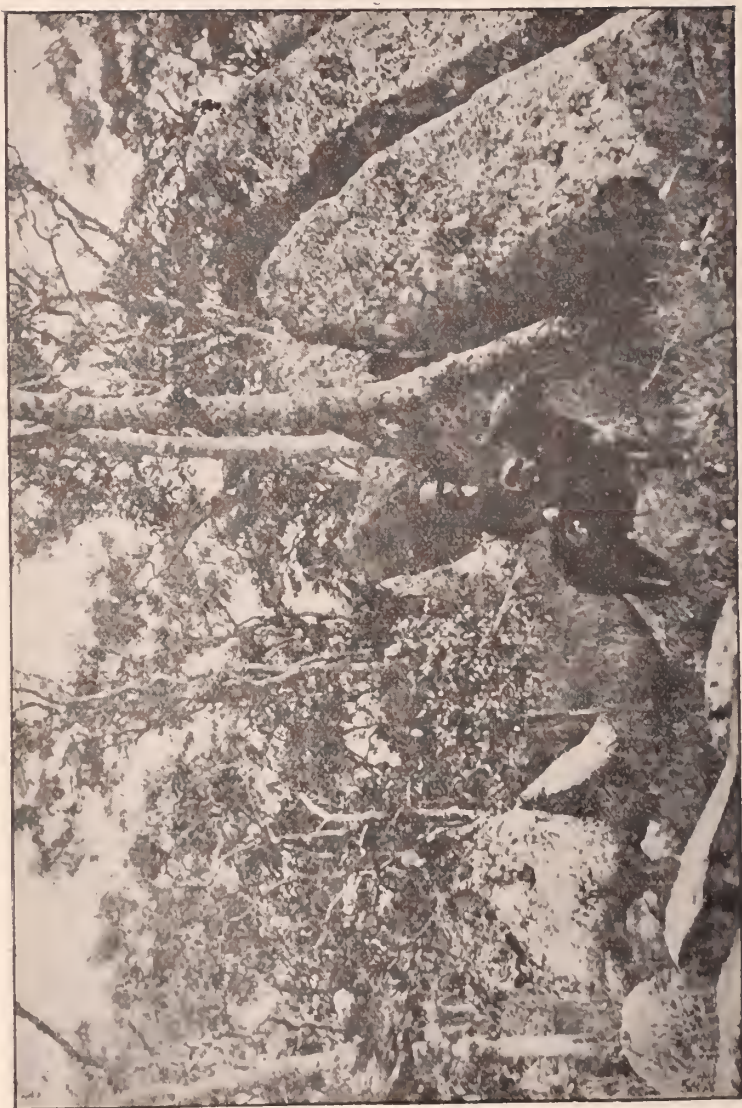
OPENINGS FOR WORK IN WEST CENTRAL AFRICA.

BY MRS. WILLIAM E. FAY.

THE openings for work in this far-away mission field are evident on every side. This is an era of progress for all nations, and why should Africa be left in the background? Because she has been neglected so long, is all the more reason why every opportunity should be taken advantage of in leading her into the light of civilization and the gospel. Surely here, as in all lands, the woman is the center of the home, and through her influence is due the condition of the child, the community, the nation, yes, the coming-generation. As we look upon the women about us, how dark is the prospect for any advance from the heathen state in which we find them. How great is our responsibility when we realize that they will remain in this condition until we can lead them out of it into something higher, nobler.

Let me then give you some idea of their condition, that you may judge for yourself what the openings for work among them are. Visit a village with me, and let us see them in their homes, if such they can be called. Enter at a narrow gateway, where domestic animals, naked children, and half-clothed people have free access; then into a small enclosure where there are two or three houses, as the case may be, according to the number of wives their owner may possess, each woman having her own house, where she lives with her children. Most likely you will find the women pounding corn in wooden mortars. If you think this easy work, just try it, and wonder how your back will feel after having pounded a good-sized basket full, especially if you have had a baby on your back, as is often the case, during the performance. This must not only be pounded, but sifted without a sieve, by shaking on a reed plate so that the fine flour sticks to the plate.

Perhaps one of the women will ask you into her house; and what refining influences will you find in her mud hut ten feet square? You may note the germs of art, at least, in the prettily ornamented gourd that holds drinking or cooking water, or the nicely moulded pot in which the beans are simmering on the fire in the middle of the room. You wonder what you can say to make some impression for good. You will doubtless find her ready to listen, quick to respond to all you say, but you soon realize how ignorant and shallow is the mind, and how slight the impression you can make. The body alone has been educated to hard labor, and the mind hardened together with the muscles of the body. You think, if only she could have been moulded and taught while still young and pliable. But she is a human soul, and precious beyond price; as dear to the loving Father as I myself. I must



A PIECE OF WOODS IN WEST CENTRAL AFRICA.

do all I can to save her. Not one visit, but many, will be necessary to make some impression upon the calloused mind ; but "the word of God is quick and powerful ; sharper than any two-edged sword," and if we do our part, the Lord will do the rest in leading them to accept his Word.

You will not care to remain too long, for the smoke will drive you out, and you will wonder how people can live without ever washing themselves or their clothes. But now that you have visited them in their homes, take



A GATEWAY TO AN AFRICAN VILLAGE.

a walk to their fields, always two or three miles from the village,—a safe distance from goats, sheep, and pigs. If you go with the women it will be about eight o'clock in the morning, and you must not expect to return before three in the afternoon. Will you carry your basket, hoe, and hatchet along, so gracefully poised on your head? The hatchet is supposed to be made use of by chopping wood enough to cook your dinner and breakfast. And you

will need to make pretty good use of the hoe to keep going a field large enough to supply a family with corn, beans, sweet potatoes, and mandiac. Let us once, in imagination, put ourselves in place of one of these women, and we will not wonder that with their busy lives of hard, manual labor there is nothing to draw them upward. Socially, a beer drink, with dancing and singing of vulgar songs, is the highest source of amusement or pleasure to which they can look forward. Not even a book to read, or any knowledge of the outside world, or the world beyond.

Now, in contrast, let me give you an idea of what has been done about us. Look at the bright, intelligent faces of the neatly dressed girls at our mission station. No teacher need lack for encouragement in teaching them, for all seem so anxious to learn, some even studying evenings after a long, hard day's labor, making progress that surprises us all. Already their lives testify to the refining influences of Christianity. But what a handful in comparison to the thousands who have yet to learn of a better life! "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

What do the two years say that Christian ears
Have need to hear?

The old year's history
Gives grief and joy, by turns, to loving hearts.
He brings to mind our broken promises,
Our high resolves blighted by chill neglect.
The seed unsown, the fields o'ergrown with weeds,
The bread and cup withheld from famished lips
Till some have gone past swallowing; the earth
Fast growing wrinkled with unhallowed graves.

And then the kind old year begins to count
Our mercies; and then he dies, the sum untold.

TURKEY.

OPEN DOORS IN CILICIA.

BY MRS. E. R. MONTGOMERY.

DID you ever go blackberrying, dear LIFE AND LIGHT?—for you never mean to me a mere magazine, but thousands of dear friends and interested fellow-workers. Well, then, did you ever go blackberrying and come across great clusters of tempting, ripe fruit hanging just out of your reach? I have, and if anything is aggravating, it is just that. And did some one ever give you a "crook," so you could haul down the branches and secure the treasures? Only then was the "door" really "open" to your berry patch, and

then were you radiantly happy. Your editor has asked me to tell you what "open doors" into new opportunities for women I find on my return to Turkey. There are doors and doors, and it is a fair question if a door can properly be called "open," no matter how wide ajar it is, if one is so tied he cannot step across its threshold. On some sides of our missionary work we seem to have been considerably engaged of late in shutting doors.

"Open doors" indeed! Why, they are so open it seems sometimes as if practically we are living out of doors all the while, having a continual picnic, so large are our opportunities. "But what new open doors do you find?" The kindergarten, to be sure, is one, several of which have, within a few years, been opened here and there in the empire. It puts a key into the doors of many, many homes where no practical knowledge of true Christ-living obtains, and where we are more than sure of a welcome whenever we can go, with magnificent opportunities for seed-sowing, which cannot fail to prove



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fruitful in purer, stronger lives. Yes, the children of Turkey are our very tempting "blackberries" indeed! If you could see them as we do, and realize their possibilities of development when given a chance, our invitation to "go berrying" with us would make you just wild with delight. I congratulate every society that is doing anything for the schools in Turkey. The home of every child in them is thrown wide open to us. And I must

let out my heart a bit here in exultant gratitude to God that the women of our Boards have never compelled us to shut any doors they had bidden us enter!

But I need to tell you this about our Adana kindergarten; it is not for the poor, except as out of our own pockets we make its privileges possible to them in some exceptional cases. "And pray, why is it not for the poor," do you ask? Because it must pay its running expenses in order to exist; and when we have no money, we are glad if the more well-to-do can reap its blessings while we gratefully pocket our new "keys." When I think of poor Gregorian and Protestant mothers all over Turkey who would count it such a help and joy if kindergarten privileges could be brought within their reach, I wonder where our magic "crook" is to come from. They could pay something toward it, but not enough to sustain a school. Perhaps you further ask, "Why do not the Protestant communities provide their own kindergartens?" Possibly they do in some rare cases, but in this land the family "baby" can be wrapped in almost anything, while the older children must be clad, so as to appear among people.

Our struggling Protestant communities have their other schools for larger children to support, and never before was ours in Adana in such dire straits as now. For the coming year we are to have two less than our usual number of city schools. No money for teachers. "But, surely, some of your young people's benevolent societies could undertake some such work?" They are doing it in some cities: but, dear LIFE AND LIGHT, I have told many of you, and I rejoice now in this unexpected "open door" to tell you all, that the work in Adana is practically twenty years behind that in Marash and Aintab, where they have such hopeful and flourishing societies. We came out in 1863, appointed to Adana. Depletion in missionary force made it necessary for Mr. Montgomery to be transferred to Marash, and for some time Adana was left without any local missionary supervision. Much was done by those who labored here transiently; but much needs to come after seed-sowing to insure substantial results even in a prolific soil, as I think this truly is. There never has been but one missionary here at a time, and the ladies in charge of the Adana Girls' Seminary have always been over-worked in its interests, doing what they could in the homes of their pupils, but wholly unable to oversee general work among the women, upon which so much depends in their being trained to resolute working habits. Till now, for years and years the Adana pulpit has been supplied by unmarried preachers, which has counted greatly against development among the women.

I mention all these things because I feel that the "time" for Adana work to be pushed has fully come, that she may be put quite abreast with those

cities which have been more steadily worked in earlier years. She needs a chance to live at a better than a "poor dying rate," and I believe she will amply justify her right thus to live. If you feel me speaking more particularly of needs and openings in our part of Turkey, it is not because they are peculiar to us, only I am more familiar with them, and can thus speak more intelligently regarding them, while they are but typical of those everywhere in the foreign field.

In these days, when you are hearing so much from every direction of "cutting off" and "shutting up" in the foreign work, it is a positive comfort to me to show you how in the midst of it all God is helping us to open out. The very "extremity" of the A. B. C. F. M. has in some respects proved our "opportunity" the past year, through the offerings of personal friends, which have enabled us to do some things here long acknowledged imperative, but of which we were well-nigh hopeless. We are just now stepping over the threshold of a wide-open door in our Girls' Seminary work, the strings that had bound us having lately been loosed. The purchase by the A. B. C. F. M. of new property for a missionary residence gives us enlarged space. The Seminary seemed absolutely suffocated before in its close quarters; growth was altogether out of the question. For years the Greeks have been imploring us to do something for them in our schools. Long-continued and vain waiting impelled them to attempt something for themselves, but their plans fell through, and last spring they came to us more eager than ever; but every attempt on Miss Webb's part to secure a Greek teacher had proved fruitless, till two weeks ago, most unexpectedly, she heard of one, and we hope to welcome her for the beginning of our fall term. The remarkable "dovetailing" of really wonderful little providences, which have led us slowly along through disappointments and hopes deferred to this culmination in our school prospects, quickens our gratitude and strengthens our faith, and in the midst of much that is still most trying and perplexing, makes us humbly realize our privilege in having God to "walk" with us.

One new opening for work among women we in our mission hope to realize in the coming to us this fall of Mrs. Marden, who will eventually have charge of a normal class of embryo Bible women.

But Cilicia has one wide-open door of which I have not spoken, and whose commanding needs must now be crushed into small space. It is a big door; it extends fully half around our horizon,—a hospital! If you could walk with me inside the door of this need, and take note of the poverty-stricken, neglected, suffering ones, and hear their cries of anguish (I have been summoned to two cases since I began writing, both entirely beyond my small knowledge, and neither we nor our Boards have money

enough to summon such doctors as we have to the continual help of this class), you would not wonder that though the "financial situation" with you is bad in the extreme, I cannot altogether hold my peace in this matter. It is not a new need; it has pressed so long upon us that our hearts are sore. It is the one door that would bring us into helpful touch with the mass of Mohammedans about us. But it would cost! Yes, and mightily—I nearly wrote *mitely*; well, if it did not indeed take "all your living," you would be sure to feel it considerably if you undertook to tell us to "walk in"! It would cost—say, \$20,000! But think what it would buy! Yet not in your wildest stretch of imagination, even, can you who have not seen estimate what it would buy. If I should ask your editor to let me try to tell you, she could put nothing else into her magazine. Do I hear some one saying, "What presumption and lack of tact to bring up such a matter in these times"? Or another voice, "Invite us to go 'berrying,' and knock us down with a twenty-thousand-dollar club on the way home"? But, my friends, is not this the year when so many of us have been saying, "Attempt great things for, and expect great things from, God"? And when this unsolicited opportunity of meeting you came to me, how could I refrain? How can I tell that it is not one of the marvelous links in God's matchless chain of providences? Perhaps He has a yearning desire to bless this long-suffering plain, so famous in history, and whose people, if they are helped to reach a hospital at all, must now undertake a journey (in time) equal to what it would be to get a person from Boston to Omaha or Denver for treatment. How do I know into whose hands this number of the LIFE AND LIGHT may fall? what memories be quickened, or impulses stirred? or to whose loyal hearts has been committed some of the Lord's treasure which he himself has designed for this very purpose, and has taken care that it has not been lost in the almost universal panic? I do urgently believe in Divine providences, and that when a deep spirit of supplication and hope is awakened within a soul, it may be that at the same time the Holy Spirit stands near some other soul or souls in whose heart and hands is bound up His beneficent answer. So I speak, and my trembling hesitancy is lost in my eager sense of the solemnity of my responsibility. My heart is hot with hope that God will give us this blessing. If any word of mine should bring it about, I shall be almost ready to "depart."

A FAITHFUL WORKER.

BY MISS LAURA B. CHAMBERLAIN.

IN one of the advanced classes of the Girls' High School in Sivas was an amiable, happy girl. She was a day pupil, and regular in her attendance at

school; indeed, she had grown up in the school. Faithful in her duties, obedient to all the rules of the school, yet she did not appear to receive the same measure of good from the Bible lessons that some of her classmates did. Sometimes it seemed that she learned these blessed truths because they were a part of the course of study, and she wished to keep on with her classmates as long as they remained in the school. Apparently she was the most doubtful girl in her class. "We sow beside all waters, not knowing which will prosper." When her classmates, who were largely gathered from cities and villages two, three, and four days' journey distant from the city of Sivas, were prepared to return to their homes as teachers and Bible readers, Yahoot asked that one of the primary schools of Sivas be given her to teach. Her request was granted, and she entered this school of some forty children.

We waited somewhat anxiously for the result of her efforts. It was not long before the school increased in numbers. Children that would not yield to a former teacher came back, one by one, and seemed to have forgotten their naughty ways; restless children became less restless, and willful children more gentle. When these girls were ready for the next higher grade, it was with great reluctance that they left this happy schoolroom. As I watched the increase of this school, I found that a large number of these children came from the quarter of the city through which this teacher passed every night and morning on her way to and from school. The remark was made to her:—

"Your numbers and cares are increasing; how many more little girls do you think you can care for?"

"Oh, just as many as can find a place to sit in this room," was the quick reply. Was Yahoot growing ambitious to have the largest number of scholars in her room of any of the girls' schools in the city of Sivas?

Children from some of the richest Armenian families in the city were there; others in more moderate circumstances, but could pay the little amount required for tuition; by far the largest number of these new girls were from poor families, who could not pay three cents for our smallest primer, still less a monthly tuition, however small. Yahoot's salary was very, very small,—made so intentionally to induce her to do well in her school; most of it was to come from the tuition of her pupils. If her pupils were so many of them too poor to pay tuition, and she was giving away here and there a primer or a Testament, I feared she was doing too much for these poor girls, and suggested that another room be added to the school, and take many of the poorest children from her room. The tears came to her eyes, and she said:—

“I have been working so hard for some of these children, for I have pitied them so much as I have seen them in the streets. I have not had them long; I am afraid if you put them in another room that they will not stay in school. Oh, great teacher, do not take them from me; do let them stay here! I promise you that they shall be well taught.”

The school increased till the roll contained one hundred and twenty names during the summer season, but want of shoes lessened the number in winter. There were more in the school than one teacher could well care for, but little helpers arose in the room. The advanced class, some of them girls that had never done anything in their lives before for others, had given their half-worn books to the poor little girls when they had finished them, and were teaching them their letters. What a great joy it was to these little girls that lived in loveless homes to be watched over, and loved, and cared for. They learned to play and sing; they were taught to read, write, and sew. They were taught the love of Jesus for them, and to sing, “What a friend we have in Jesus.” They learned to love one another, and to say the Lord’s Prayer. Would not each one of these little ones carry home more or less of these teachings to their homes? Who can measure the lessons of happy thankfulness as taught day by day to this school! Rarely a case of discipline in this room, and then the school was always on the side of the teacher, and the poor culprit seemed quite too much ashamed of her disobedience to repeat it.

On Wednesdays this room united with the intermediate department of the school for their weekly prayer meeting. It had been an inactive but restless part of the congregation of some one hundred and forty to one hundred and sixty children. This meeting was held from quarter after eleven till twelve o’clock every Wednesday morning, the time taken from the morning session of the school. Some of the parents of the children complained that their children’s lessons were shortened on that day,—wishing to suppress these meetings. The children were asked if they would be willing to give up one half of their noon recess for that day for this, their weekly prayer meeting, and it was good to see the little hands go up; and it was wonderful that no one complaint was ever heard of that short recess that was left to them. The children began to realize that this was their meeting; they had given up something for it, and they sang with a new zest; they gave out hymns to sing, repeated verses from the New Testament; sometimes the Lord’s Prayer was repeated, or a brief prayer in the child’s own words.

Many of these children came to Sabbath school, and what a pleasure it was when these little ones had finished their primer to give or sell them a Testament, knowing there were none in their homes, and that it was the

life-giving seed that was being planted there, and that we could ask the Lord of the harvest to water it from on high and bless it to those families. How many mothers, and fathers, also, entered our chapel for the first time on examination day, proud that their little girl, who had been in their eyes so worthless, now knew so much, and could read. This often opened the way for them to come to the chapel services, and thus a "little child did lead them."

One day Yahoote came to my room, and waited to see me alone. As she came in I saw how tired she looked, but her eyes had a happy light in them, and she opened her heart at once with the question,—

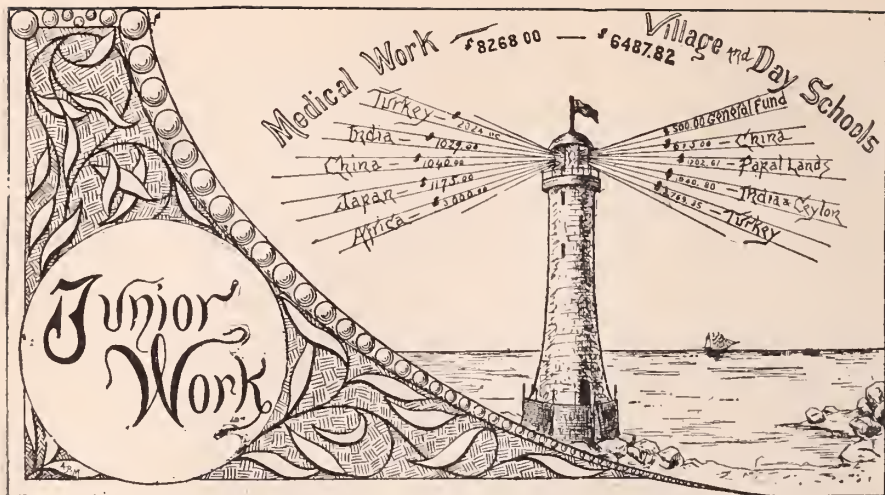
"Would it be right to ask God to love me a little less? for he loves so it seems as though it would kill me?"

What could she mean? When asked to explain, she replied:—

"Does not the Bible teach us, 'Whom the Lord loves he chastens'? And did you not teach us that when trials came to us that we did not bring on ourselves, we were to accept them as tokens of our Father's love to us, and feeling thankful for the loving discipline, let the Lord do his will in us? It has made me so happy to think he did chasten me, for I have felt certain he loved me."

As she opened her heart to me more and more, I drew from her the fact that through all these years this teacher had been silently bearing a heavy cross, even through her seemingly thoughtless schooldays. It had never embittered her life, but, having been accepted in love, had been a rich blessing to her; and for very thankfulness her heart had been flowing out to all these poor little girls, and no work had seemed too much for her to do for them. New trials had arisen in her home, and the flesh failing her she had asked, "Would it be right to ask God to love me less? for he loves me so it seems as though it would kill me?" Her faith had not failed her; the spirit was still willing, and she had not once doubted her Saviour's love in it all.

Ah! let our new year leave the beaten path
The old year trod, and sometimes try his wings
In upward flight! And may he end his days
Nearer that day when none shall need to say,
"Know thou the Lord;" when sweet good-morning prayers
Shall belt the earth each morn with rising sun,
And when the glow of setting sun shall be
A signal fire, to summon angels down
To guard a sleeping world that trusts in God.



—To give light to them that sit in darkness Luke 1:79—

THE KINDERGARTEN IN SMYRNA.

THE children's societies which have been giving toward the new building for the kindergarten in Smyrna, will be glad to see the picture of the building bought from their contributions. The missionaries in Smyrna very unexpectedly found that this house was for sale; and as it answered the purpose much better than to build a new one, for which they had previously planned, they thought best to buy it. The Board becomes responsible for the payment of the sum required, and we hope that the mite boxes given out for the building fund early last year, will soon bring in the whole amount. In the late summer Miss Bartlett wrote:—

I wish I had time to write a note of thanks to all who have had a share in raising the money, and I know that many must have contributed by making sacrifices which perhaps none knew about but the Father above, and from him they will surely receive their reward. . . .

We are very happy in the immediate prospect of moving the kindergarten into a most convenient house. It certainly seems as if, all things considered, it is the most suitable house in Smyrna for our purpose. The kindergarten has this year done better work than ever before, and its teachers grow more thoughtful and faithful. We have been able to collect more from tuition fees, and have had more children from good families—sixty in all. One thing is very pleasing to us—our class of youngest children is the largest, being twenty-two in number. When they come at three or four years of age, we can usually keep them till they are prepared to enter our boys' and girls' schools. We always need your prayers in this work. Our mothers' meeting, once a month, is very encouraging this year. The kindergarten children—a part of them each time—come and sing songs, repeat psalms, or verses, or appropriate poems, or the teacher questions them on a suitable subject, and

thus have an exercise before the meeting. This attracts the parents of the children and others, who seem much pleased, and often ask the Bible woman when the meeting is to be, asking her to be sure to send them an invitation.

Miss Bartlett wrote some months ago of a new kindergarten to be started at Afion Kara Hissar, a large city in the Smyrna field. It was to be established at the urgent request of the native pastor there. A young man had been secured to be at the head of it, and Miss Bartlett wrote:—

Next came the question of a lady teacher.

Our highest class in the kindergarten here leaves in June; and as I am to have a training class next year, it seemed possible to lend one of our teachers to this needy place for a year, during which time the sister of the Afion Kara Hissar pastor will come here to Smyrna for training. I prayed for just the right opportunity to talk with Nuritza about it, and she took it in a lovely spirit, though it will be a real sacrifice for her and her mother to leave all the Smyrna friends. They two live in the kindergarten building, and take the whole responsibility of keeping the



MISS C. S. BARTLETT.

place in order, and last year were mother and sister to the training-class girls who lived with them. Of course their going will add to the labors of those left behind, but we will gladly do our share toward helping in this new work. At no time before could I have so well spared one of my teachers.

One more thing makes us feel that now is the time to take possession of Afion Kara Hissar. Last year, from Easter till Christmas, the little handful

of brethren there suffered the most fiery persecution. The wife and baby of one brother were taken from him by force and kept from him for two months, with the hope that he might be induced to "turn back." The Protestants were preached against in the Armenian church. The brethren were attacked on the street, and the pastor's house and place of worship were stoned day



THE BUILDING FOR THE KINDERGARTEN, SMYRNA.

after day and night after night, and everything imaginable done to make the Protestants so wretched that they would be obliged to leave the place. During our stay there of three weeks last fall, I think we were left unmolested only two nights; and one night in papa's room the window pane was shattered, and the carpet nearly covered with the pieces; but at that moment



THE STREET IN SMYRNA ON WHICH THE KINDERGARTEN BUILDING STANDS.

papa was in the only safe place in the room. This, however, has now all passed, the brethren having remained as firm as a rock. More people are coming to the services and to visit the pastor, and all seem very friendly.

A later letter from Miss Bartlett, says :—

THE kindergarten was very prosperous last year, although we had only sixty-four children. They have made better progress and shown a sweeter spirit than ever before. From year to year the teachers seem to grow more devoted to their work, more self-sacrificing and earnest in their Christian life and example. A great sorrow has come to us during the year. In July one of these teachers, Nuritza, was called to her reward. Hers is the gain ; but to her poor mother and to us how great the loss ! The Lord must have great need of her in heaven, else he would not have taken her from what seemed to us a great work here. The plan for the kindergarten at Kara Hissar must be given up for this coming year. . . . Nuritza, with our Bible reader, went to the Armenian hospital, and the third day afterward was taken ill with erysipelas which she contracted there. Pray for her fellow-teachers.

In July we moved all the kindergarten furniture into the new building, and had our Sabbath school there for two Sundays before we went away for the summer. It accommodates us better than any building we could have erected for the money given for the purpose.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK AMONG WOMEN.

BY MISS ALICE M. BUSWELL.

“AND a little child shall lead them.”

These first six verses in the eleventh chapter of Isaiah strike the keynote for the children's share in work for women.

To appreciate the value of the new opportunities in the different fields, a terse account of the work now carried on will be of service. For information, see Lesson Leaflets for January, February, October, and November, 1892 ; also, “Women of Japan,” by Mrs. J. H. Arthur, “Women of Turkey,” Mrs. J. L. Coffing, “Woman in China,” Adele M. Field, and “Medical Work in the Villages of Southern India,” Dr. Pauline Root. For an outline synopsis, consult the list of missions and missionaries in the Annual Report.

The children will see how directly they are helping, and can help, in all this work, if the influence of child life on home and community life can be

pointed out to them. Special emphasis may be laid upon the results of the kindergartens in Turkey, their own special work. For information and specially appropriate illustration, see the two leaflets, "The Smyrna Kindergarten" and "Kindergarten in Cesarea," letter from Miss Burrage, of Cesarea, in *Mission Dayspring* for October, and "Unoccupied Fields," price 5 cents. For the leaflets mentioned apply to Miss A. R. Hartshorn, 1 Congregational House, Boston.

Our Work at Home.

MOTIVES AND DUTIES IN FOREIGN MISSIONARY WORK.

BY MRS. C. H. DANIELS.

[Given at the meeting of the Board in Portland.]

WE undertake many things without knowing just why. It is well, however, to look into motives. If they are pure and noble, their deeds take on new worth, self-respect and confidence are increased, and we are ready to give a reason to any man. There is no motive for foreign missionary work natural to the human heart. If this were so we should find evidences of it among the Jews of Bible history. They alone of ancient races possessed the true knowledge of God. And yet they, having something to give to the heathen, never gave it. Even a prophet, elevated above the common people by his contact with God, ran away when sent on an errand of mercy to a heathen city. But through the ages, while peoples were weaving their motley web, and the holiest of them were hugging their treasures to themselves within the robe of Judaism, God was brooding over his creation with desire for every soul, holding back a mighty tide of love until the time was ripe to pour it forth in that costliest gift, his well-beloved Son, the Saviour of all mankind.

The desire to save the world was first God's, his motive infinite love. He taught this to man from the lips of Christ and by his gracious deeds, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The disciples learned the strange lesson, and soon experienced deep joy as they moved among Gentile races under the power of love. To Paul, "neighbor" came to mean "Barbarian, Scythian, bond and free." We are not to-day so highly developed by any process of evolution that we can germinate in our own souls sufficient love to move

us to actual service for the sake of heathen multitudes. If we cannot originate, no more can we maintain it. God kindles the fire; God must replenish it. We know that when we are out of touch with God our hearts grow indifferent, and women of the Orient seem far-away myths. We come into close relations with the Lord, his warmth returns to the soul, we feel the "universal bond of womanhood," the chain "tugs at our hearts," love glows, and we are impelled into service. Can we have a better motive than that which moved God into foreign missionary work?

There is another motive, and this one seems to be our very own,—love for Christ and for his kingdom. Is he not our Redeemer? He ransomed not angels, but mortals. Here is the significance of Browning's "little human praise." And yet, poor souls of ours, they can not even love their own Redeemer unaided! Another flame is this, which God must fan. When the spirit is dull, when morning launches us into wearying, commonplace duties, if we stop a while, long enough to receive a fresh impulse of love for our King; if we take the "broad look," and behold by faith the "kingdom come,"—then we are ready for joyful service again.

You see the conclusion of these thoughts. The holiest women will be the best foreign missionary workers. Under the power of these two motives, more or less distinct in consciousness, we move forth into duties. The missionaries can best speak of duties in the foreign field; we will think of three general principles of duty for ourselves at home, and call the first,

GENEROUS OUTLAY.

Once engaged in missionary activity, it seems our most straightforward duty to work hard, willingly, with brain and heart, hands and feet. We must not measure the outlay by apparent returns. We should be willing to have the expenditure column add up a larger amount than the apparent income column. There is a broad principle here, true in Nature. She expends herself lavishly, exuberantly. The winged seeds of the maple scatter by the thousand, and yet how few maple shoots appear! It is true among business men. How they bend their energies through the years to accomplish ends, seemingly out of all proportion to the costly outlay! Yet they toil contentedly, knowing that only hard work brings success. The principle appears in Christ's redemptive work. What unmeasured energy to complete the sacrifice! Yet we read in the Scripture, "He saw of the travail of his soul, and was satisfied." The Christian Church has grown by the blood of martyrs; by self-abnegation; by the dilligent, painstaking toil of her members in all ages.

This principle is not suggested because unknown to the Woman's Board. Officers from the first have exemplified it. Among our Branches we realize its truth. And yet, some may have fallen into the error of holding position too easily; and we can each encourage the other to a more free and joyful discharge of detail work. There is need for Branch and auxiliary leaders to keep constant oversight of the departments under their control. Now one and then another comes up for scrutiny. Is each under officer and committee doing apportioned work faithfully? Is LIFE AND LIGHT properly attended to by an agent? Mite boxes must be considered, thank-offering and other meetings planned; in short, the busy mind must dwell thoughtfully upon each detail as it presents its claims.

And now there is an added thought for cheer and comfort. It is only apparent returns which are meager compared with outlay. God, with infinite penetration, keeps the proportion true. No bit of energy is lost. The maple seeds may not sprout, but they have a use in fertilizing soil. You may arrange for a large meeting, and as a result see that three ladies are moved with new missionary impulse. Larger results God sees.

We can think of another class of duties under the head of

SYMPATHETIC MANAGEMENT.

Sympathy is something subtle, yet real and practical. It concerns neither joy alone, nor sorrow alone; but it enters into another's experience of whatever kind. Sympathetic management seeks for the key to unlock individual hearts. It does not consider the uninterested women of a church in one mass, but with loving persistence tries to find the standpoint from which each woman speaks when she says, "I cannot join your society;" meets her on her own ground, and wins her there with her own weapons. Indeed, sympathy rather resents the term "uninterested," and prefers "waiting women." The former is true, but it lays the emphasis in the wrong place,—upon a result for which many are not directly responsible. We may be more successful in winning converts if we assume that they are waiting for you and me to lead them into our larger pastures. A sympathetic worker detects the musical taste of a certain lady, and says: "Will you play the piano for us to sing at our missionary meeting?" "Will you play us a voluntary at our annual meeting?" To another who loves flowers better than missions, "Won't you let me have a bouquet for my table at the meeting, and you arrange it for me?" Some one of literary tastes will write a story,—perhaps a poem,—as a favor, and will probably come to the meeting to hear how it sounds.

There is a large class of women in our churches—perhaps we all have turns in belonging to it—who have pressing home cares, or feeble health, or special causes for anxiety and sorrow. Then there are sisters with a true missionary spirit who give so much time to some other special benevolent work that they cannot come to our favorite meeting nor join the society. Woe to us who are hard and bungling with any of these!

But sympathetic management has larger scope than with the individual. It is adjustment to environment. It considers well the field, whether country or city, in a large or small church, in a cool or warm spiritual atmosphere, and adopts methods accordingly. If in the country, and meetings are very small, perhaps a leader could successfully change her policy, and carry the meeting about to any home among the scattered farms which would receive her, without reference to membership. In this connection I have wondered if the Woman's Board could not institute a Home Department similar to that of our Sunday schools. It might include on its roll the busy mother, confined closely at home, the invalids, and the aged. They sometimes hesitate to join us, knowing they must seem inactive members. Such a roll might give them assurance. It would call for visitors who should sometimes go into these homes with news of the work, and with leaflets.

Should not all our labor be characterized by

SPIRITUAL ZEAL?

Spiritual zeal is not the same as a zealous spirit. The latter is the instinct of the naturally active, energetic woman. The other is activity instigated by the Holy Spirit, and pervaded with his influence. A zealous spirit works out in useful results, but feels and shows the running of the machinery. Such a one reminds us of the tribes in Central Africa, of whom Mackay, of Uganda, writes: "They have no lever nor any other simple contrivance for saving labor. They move their weights as dead lifts." Zeal without the spirit makes of missionary work a dead lift. Isn't it such zeal which prompts the remark: "It is a great burden off my mind to get rid of planning meetings every month. I have given some to the vice presidents of our society." Spiritual zeal might rather say, "I do enjoy preparing for these meetings, but I think it will be good for our society if I let some others share my privilege."

Spiritual zeal moves and works in an atmosphere of serenity, confidence, and trust. She is not anxious about many things, bustling and worried. Attempting only by the wisdom and in the strength of the Spirit, she has her surety of success at the start. Her little lever is at hand to raise weights.

A zealous spirit has a vast advantage naturally, and when developed into spiritual zeal produces our most efficient worker.

Upon the foundation of these general principles of duty, perhaps details will stand out in clearer relief and find their fulfillment. Could we have a better prayer for ourselves as workers than one recorded in the diary of Mackay? "Give me a burning zeal, O God, for winning souls. Am I not here the link between dying men and the dying Christ!"

TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS.

January.—New Openings for Missionary Work Among Women. (See *LIFE AND LIGHT* for December, and articles on pages 5 and 8 of the present number.)

February.—Schools of the Board in China and Japan.

March.—Young Ladies' Work at Home and Abroad.

April.—Easter Service.

May.—Schools of the Board in Micronesia and Papal Lands.

June.—Temperance Work in Mission Lands.

SCHOOLS OF THE BOARD IN CHINA AND JAPAN.

TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY.

As these schools are under the care of our Board, the information in regard to them naturally comes from *LIFE AND LIGHT*. For the school in Foochow, see *LIFE AND LIGHT* for October, 1880, August, 1881, June, 1886, December, 1888, September, 1892; for Tung-cho, December, 1869, April, 1885, May, 1889; for Kalgan, February, 1881, November, 1885, December, 1886, October, 1889. For female education in Japan: As the girls' schools in Japan, with the exception of Kobe College, are almost entirely supported by the Japanese, we do not have as regular reports from them as from other mission schools. We give what we have. For the general subject, *LIFE AND LIGHT* for June, 1876, September, 1884, October, 1892; for the Kobe College, April, 1888, July, 1893; Woman's Bible Training School, April, 1892; the Girls' School in Niigata, January, 1889, in Matsuyama, June, 1889, Doshisha, in Kyoto, September, 1893.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions will be held in Berkeley Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1894; morning session at ten, afternoon session at two. The usual business of an annual meeting

will be transacted—the election of officers, presentation of reports, and reports of committees appointed at the meeting in Portland. There will also be addresses by Miss Mary L. Daniels of Harpoot, Miss J. G. Evans of North China, and a paper on the Parliament of Religions, by Mrs. Joseph Cook. Delegates from Branches appointed for the meeting in Portland still hold their office for this meeting, and it is hoped that a large number will be present.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Receipts from October 18 to November 18, 1893.

MISS ELLEN CARRUTH, Treasurer.

MAINE.

<i>Maine Branch.</i> —Mrs. W. S. Dana, Treas.	
Auburn, High St. Ch., Aux., 16.35, Y. L. M. Band (of which 25 const. L. M. Miss Dora M. Fuller), 30; Bangor, Aux., Thank Offering, 27.22; Calais, Aux., 22; East Sumner, Ladies' Contrib., 5; Gorham, Aux., Thank Offering, 26; Rockland, Aux., 45, a Friend, 5; Greenville, Aux., 28; Lakeside, Helpers, 10; Piscataquis Co., Conf., 1.58; Waldoboro, Aux., 10, Sunday Sch., 6; Bremen, Sunday Sch., 2; Woolwich, Sunday School, 2; Wiscasset, Sunday School, 5; Portland, Y. L. M. Band, 55, St. Lawrence St. Ch., Aux., 8.25, Williston Ch., 20, Aux., 64.90, Light Bearers, 2, State St., Aux., 11.60, Miss Ernestine L. Libby, const. self L. M., 25, a Friend, const. L. M. Miss Carrie Conant, 25, Second Parish Ch., Aux., 15, in memory of Mrs. Mary D. Snow Aeres, and to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary R. Woodbury, 25,	492 90
<i>Castine.</i> —Desert Palm Soc'y,	35 00
Total,	527 90

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

<i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> —Miss A. E. McIntire, Treas. Rosewren, Aux., 14; Exeter, Aux., 39; East Jeffrey, Buds of Promise, 25; West Lebanon, Aux., 6.75; Lyme, Aux., 16.93; Nashua, Aux., 24; Rindge, Aux., add'l, 1.81, prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. Emma L. Wood; Rochester, Aux., 30,	157 49
Total,	157 49

LEGACY.

<i>Amherst.</i> —Legacy of Mrs. Cornelia M. Lawrence Bartlett,	1,000 00
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VERMONT.

<i>West Randolph.</i> —Y. P. S. C. E.,	5 00
<i>Vermont Branch.</i> —Mrs. T. M. Howard, Treas. Barton Landing and Brown-ington, Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. Milton Fisher, 12.10; Bellows Falls, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs.	

N. G. Williams), 28.79; Burlington, Aux., 60; East Corinth, Aux., 6; Essex Centre, Aux., 13.25; Fairfax, Mrs. E. J. Purmont, 1; West Glover, Aux., 2; Newbury, M. L. M., 1; Orwell, Aux., 6; St. Johnsbury, South Ch., Aux., 21.30; North Ch., Aux., 14.24; Underhill, Y. P. S. C. E., 5; Vergennes, Sunday School, 12. Less expenses, 117.25,	65 43
Total,	70 43

LEGACY.

<i>Fairlee.</i> —Legacy of Mrs. P. C. Boddgett,	500 00
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MASSACHUSETTS.

A Friend,	25 00
<i>Acton.</i> —Cong. Ch.,	6 00
<i>Andover and Woburn Branch.</i> —Mrs. C. E. Swett, Treas. Winchester, Junior Seek and Save Soc'y, 50; Reading, Young People's Band, 330; West Medford, Morning Star Mission, 7; Bedford, Golden Rule Soc'y, 6; Andover, Young Ladies' Soc'y of Christian Work, 66.55, Sunbeam Mission C., 22.01; Wakefield, Aux., 50; Stoneham, Y. P. S. C. E., 10; Lowell, a Friend, 100; Lexington, Aux., 13,	654 56

<i>Barnstable Co. Branch.</i> —Miss Amelia Snow, Treas. Thank Offering at Annual Meeting, Yarmouth, 26; Truro, Aux., 6; West Barnstable, Aux., 1; Wellfleet, Aux., 9; North Falmouth, Aux., 20; Chatham, Aux., 10; South Dennis, Aux., 10, Church Offering, 7.02; same at Yarmouth, 10; at Falmouth, 10.15; at Harwichport, 2.50,	111 67
<i>Brocton.</i> —Y. P. S. C. E. of Portland Ch.,	50 00
<i>Dedham.</i> —Aux., First Ch.,	10 00
<i>Douglas.</i> —A Friend,	2 00

<i>Essex South Branch.</i> —Miss S. W. Clark, Treas. Beverly, Dane St. Ch., Cradle Roll, 17, Washington St., Aux., 75, Y. L. Aux., 30, M. C., 7.86, North Ch., M. C., 35; Gloucester, Aux., 89.77, M. C., 6.31; Ipswich, South Ch., Aux., 34.75, Earnest Workers M. C., 8; Lynn, Central Ch., Aux., 23.25, Lower Lights M. C., 10, Chestnut St., Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Martha E. Clough), 35, Little Light Bearers, 10, First Ch., Y. L. Aux., 51; Middletown, Aux., 13	
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Willing Workers, 1; Peabody, Morning Star M. C., 10; Salem, Crombie St. Ch., M. C., 8, South Ch., Aux., 449.35, M. C., 10, Tabernacle Ch., Aux., 166.84, Y. L. Aux., 30, Primary Dept. S. S., 5; Swampscott, Aux., 42.10, M. C., 2.15; Wenham, Wide-Awake Workers, 10, 1,180 38	
<i>Franklin Co. Branch.</i> —Miss L. A. Sparhawk, Treas. Conway, Aux., 41; Northfield, Aux., 15; Orange, Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. Wesley A. Ford, 10.45, Boys' Miss'y Soc'y, 10, 76 45	
<i>Great Barrington.</i> —Cong. S. S., 18 16	
<i>Hampshire Co. Branch.</i> —Miss H. J. Kneeland, Treas. North Amherst, Little Sunbeams, 5; Enfield, Mrs. W. B. Kimball, Trustec. const. L. M. Mrs. Frances Woods Kimball, 25; Greenwich, Aux., 23.25; Hadley, Aux. (of which 39.56 a Thank Offering), 83.29; Huntington Hill, M. B., 1; Southampton, Aux., 33; Williamsburg, Happy Workers, 15, 185 54	
<i>Lowell.</i> —A Friend, 1 00	
<i>Mansfield.</i> —Woman's Miss'y Soc'y, 10 00	
<i>Melrose.</i> —A Friend, 2 00	
<i>Middlesex Branch.</i> —Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Treas. Dover, Aux., 7; South Framingham, Aux., Thank Offering, 8; Hopkinton, Aux., 31.50; Marlboro, Aux. (of wh. 50 const. L. M.'s Miss Cornelia Robinson and Miss Hattie Outhank), 61.50; Maynard, Mrs. Lorenzo Maynard, 2; Milford, Aux., 13.25, M. C., 5; Natick, Aux., 59.25; South Natick, Anne Elliot Soc'y, 10; Northboro, Aux., 10; Southboro, Aux., 22.30, Cheerful Workers, 1; Southville, Aux., 7.90; Sudbury, Aux., 30.90, Helping Hand Soc'y, 10; Wellesley, Aux., 47.75, a Friend, Thank Offering, 1, 328 35	
<i>North Middlesex Branch.</i> —Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt, Treas. Westford, Aux., 15, Y. P. S. C. E., 10; Harvard, Aux., 2; Acton, Aux., 10; Townsend, Aux., 10, 47 00	
<i>Old Colony Branch.</i> —Miss F. J. Runnels, Treas. South Attleboro, Aux. (of which 3.25 Thank Offering), 22; Edgartown, Aux., 35.55; Taunton, Y. P. S. C. E. of Winslow Ch., 10.68, Junior Soc'y, 5.50; East Taunton, Aux., 27; Rochester, Aux., 23.79, Sunday Sch., 2.01; Somerset, Aux., 11, Whiteoverters, 15; Edgartown, Y. P. S. C. E., 5, Children's Soc'y, 5; Middleboro, Aux., 101, Henrietta Band, 2.50; Taunton, Aux., 148.50; North Dighton, Aux., 65; Fall River, Aux., Silver Thank Offering, 29.75, Willing Workers, 6.50, 515 78	
<i>Springfield.</i> —A Friend, 1 00	
<i>Springfield Branch.</i> —Agawam, Aux., 40.21; Blandford, Aux., 58.05, Mite Mission Band, 10; Brimfield, Aux., 32.50; Chicopee, First Ch., Aux., 22.75, a Friend, 300; Chicopee Falls, Aux., 50, Third Ch., Aux., 43.20; Feeding Hills, Aux., 20; East Granville, Aux., 21; Holyoke, Second Ch., Aux., 368.40; Longmeadow, Aux., 27; East Longmeadow, Aux., 31.40, Young Disciples, 3.19; Ludlow Centre, 17.15; Ludlow Mills, Golden Threads, 5; Mittingue, Aux., 14; Monson, Aux., 59; Palmer, First Ch., 12.75; Springfield, Hope Ch., Aux., 22, Mission Circle, 16.78, Memorial Ch., Aux. (of which 25 from Mrs. J. L. R. Trask const. L. M. Mrs. Geo. L. Taylor, 25 from Mrs. G. M. Atwater const. L. M. Miss M. M. Atwater, 25 from Mrs. Eliza Southworth const. L. M. Mrs. G. W. Phillips, 25 from Mrs. J. M. Stebbins const. L. M. Miss Caroline Spencer, 25 from Mrs. Solomon B. Griffin const. self L. M.), 191.05, Lend a Hand Soc'y, 40, Mission Circle, 11.50, Junior Y. P. S. C. E., 7, Olivet Ch., Aux., 61.33, Olive Branch Soc'y, 60, Golden Links, 40, South Ch., Aux., 40, Junior Aux., 16.35; West Springfield, First Ch., Aux., 67; Westfield, First Ch., Aux., 240.85, Light Bearers, 32, Y. P. S. C. E., 12.50, Second Ch., Aux., 2, 1,997 96	
<i>Suffolk Branch.</i> —Miss Myra B. Child, Treas. Auburndale, Aux., 36.43; Boston, a Friend, 25 etc., Union Ch., Aux., 23.09, Y. L. Aux., const. L. M. Miss Marion Gay, Mrs. Lucius W. Orcutt, and Miss Carrie M. Smith, 75, Junior Y. P. S. C. E., Berkeley Temple, 5, Second Division Y. P. S. C. E., 5; Mt. Vernon Ch., Y. People's Miss'y Soc'y, 55; Brighton, Aux., 34.60; Brookline, Harvard Ch., Aux., 71.10; Cambridge, Friends in Shepard Ch., 10 and 2; Chelsea, Floral Circle, Third Ch., 5; Dorchester, Village Ch., Aux., 10, Second Ch., Aux., Thank Offering (of which 25 from Mrs. J. W. Field const. L. M. Miss Elizabeth Ford Packard), 75; Hyde Park, Y. P. S. C. E. of Cong. Ch., 7.80, Aux., 10; Newton Centre, Mrs. Langdon S. Ward, 15, Aux., 54.78; Newton, Y. P. S. C. E. of Eliot Ch., 10, Mrs. S. L. B. Spear, Mite Box, 84 etc.; Roxbury, Immanuel Ch., Aux., 40.39, Walnut Ave., Aux., 75, Eliot Ch., Aux. (of which 50 from a Friend const. L. M. Mrs. Eliza R. Carson and Mrs. J. S. Barrows, and 25 from a Friend const. L. M. Miss Harriet W. Leavitt), 139.50; Somerville, Franklin St., Aux., 7; South Boston, Phillips Ch., Aux., 10; Watertown, Phillips Ch., Aux., 38; West Newton, Aux., 50; Needham, Aux., 30, 895 78	
<i>West Springfield.</i> —"E. B.," 2 00	
<i>Worcester Co. Branch.</i> —Mrs. E. A. Sumner, Treas. Blackstone, Aux., 16, Charlton, Aux., 10.42, Dudley, Junior C. E. Soc., 8; Gardner, Aux., 43; Grafton, Aux. (of which 5 a Thank Offering), 73.27; Lancaster, Y. L. M. C., 9.76 (of which 50 const. L. M. Mrs. Clara M. Spencer and Mrs. Harriet N. Eaton), 70; Millbury, First Ch., Aux. (of which 60 const. L. M. Mrs. J. F. Woodbury and Miss Emma F. Glover), 58.20, Aux., Second Ch. (of which 25 const. L. M. Miss Sophia E. Harrington), 49.25, Junior C. E. Soc'y, Second Ch. 20, Infant class in S. S., 2; Northbridge, Aux. (of which 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Abbie Odian), 40; Rockdale, Aux., 30.42; North Brookfield, Happy Workers, 25, Aux., Thank Offering, 62.70; Paxton, Aux., 20.50; Royalston, Aux., 37; Saundersville, Aux., 13.37; Shrewsbury, Aux., const. L. M. Mrs. Wm. D. Pierce and Mrs. Henry Harlow, 60; South Royalston, Aux., 11; Warren, Y. L. Mission Circle, 5; Westboro, Aux. (of which 48.91 a Thank Offering), 84.91; Whitinsville, Extracent a day Band, 10.75; Webster, Aux. (of which 50 const.	

L. M. Mrs. Hartley and Mrs. J. Bigelow, 68.47; Worcester, Union Ch., Aux., 49.40; Piedmont Ch., Aux., 175.42; Park Ch., Aux., 12; Hope Ch., Aux., 10; Y. P. S. C. E., 20.61; Summit S. S., 5. Less 32.25, previously ackn'd,

Total, 7,185 83

LEGACIES.

Andover.—Legacy of Sarah Smith, 500 00
Falmouth.—Legacy of Ann G. Bearse, 50 00

RHODE ISLAND.

Rhode Island Branch.—Miss A. T. White, Treas. Peace Dale, Aux., 74.02; Providence, North Ch. (of which 10.25 a Thank Offering), 50.25, M. C., 5; Slatersville, Aux., 6; Woonsocket, Y. L. Aid Soc'y, 10,

145 27

Total, 145 27

CONNECTICUT.

Eastern Conn. Branch.—Miss M. I. Lockwood, Treas. Norwich, Broadway Ch., Aux., 115.57; Park Ch., Aux., 110; Y. L. Soc'y, 10; Preston, Long Soc'y, 4.75,

240 32

Hartford Branch.—Mrs. Bradford Scott, Treas. Enfield, Kings St., M. C., 12; Glastonbury, "Cheerful Givers," M. C., 7; Hartford, South Ch., Aux., 47.50; Fourth Ch., Aux., 3.35; Asylum Hill Ch., Aux., a Friend, 1; New Haven Branch to Hartford Br., Thank Offering, 1; Plainville, Aux., 119; Vernon Centre, M. C., 4.60; West Hartford, Aux., 40; Wethersfield, Aux., 10,

245 45

New Haven Branch.—Miss J. Twining, Treas. Cromwell, Aux. (of which 25 from Miss Emeda Sage const. self L. M.), 111.13; Danbury, First Ch., Aux., 156.16; Greens Farms, Aux., 7.50; Guilford, First Ch., Aux., 3; Kent, Aux. (of which 25 from Mrs. Edwards const. L. M. Miss Carrie Britton Berry), 50; Middletown, First Ch., Aux. (of which 25 from a Friend const. L. M. Miss Vivian Elaine Gladwin), 80; Milford, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 26; Millington, Aux., 3.50; Fair Haven, Second Ch., Aux., 19; United Ch. Aux., 12; Northford, Aux., 50; North Madison, Aux., 37.25; Salisbury, Aux., 19; South Canaan, Aux., 8; Westbrook, Aux., 20.56; Westchester, Aux., 9.55; Westport, Aux., 10,

622 65

Total, 1,108 42

NEW YORK.

Baiting Hollow.—Mrs. Win. E. Newton, 10 00
Deansville.—Woman's Miss'y and Aid Soc'y, 12 25
East Bloomfield.—Mrs. Eliza S. Goodwin, 5 10
Fredonia.—A Friend, 2 50
New York.—Mrs. Frederick Vinton, 5 00
Rochester.—Mrs. G. W. Davison and Miss Davison, 14 00
Warerly.—Mrs. Moses Lyman, 4 40
New York State Branch.—Miss C. A. Holmes, Treas. Albany, First Ch., Aux., 37.50; Antwerp, Aux., 27; Aqueduct, Aux., 30.17; Buffalo, W. G. Ban-

croft M. B., 5; Niagara Sq., People's Ch., C. E. Soc'y, 12.50; First Ch., Aux., 70; Brooklyn, Puritan, Aux., 70; Tompkins Ave., Aux., 150; Lewis Ave., Earnest Workers, 10; Binghamton, First Ch., Aux., 30; East Albany, Aux., 5; Gaines, Union, 10; Jamestown, Aux., 26.35; Little Valley, Aux., 5; Lockport, First Ch., Aux., 21; Laurel Hill, Neighborly Circle of King's Daughters, 13.70; Napoli, Aux., 10; S. S., 2.50; Syracuse, Y. P. S. C. E. of Plymouth Ch., 10; Primary Dept. S. S., 15; Good Will Ch., M. C., 5; Sherburne, Aux., 28; Ticonderoga, Aux., 40.43; Utica, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 10; Warsaw, Y. P. S. C. E., 24; Westmoreland, Aux., 13. Less expenses, 4,

687 15

Total, 740 40

PENNSYLVANIA.

Neath.—Y. P. S. C. E., 5 00
Philadelphia.—Mary M., Harold, Margaret S., and Daniel R. Goodwin, 10 00
Philadelphia Branch.—Miss E. Flavell, Treas. D. C.: Washington, M. C., 65.45; Maryland: Baltimore, Aux., 80.75; New Jersey: Bound Brook, Aux., 50; Pilgrim Workers, 15; East Orange, First Ch., Aux., 12; Trinity Ch., W. F. M. Soc'y, 13; Glen Ridge, Aux., 150; Montclair, Aux., 77; Y. Ladies, 230; Newark, First Ch., Aux., 31.54; Belleville Ave., Aux., 38.87; M. B. 32.50; Y. P. S. C. E., 13; Orange Valley, Aux., 22; Y. L., 112.68; Paterson, Aux., 95.46; Westfield, Aux., 44.03; Woodbridge, Aux., 4.21; Virginia: Falls Ch., Aux., 18.50; Young People's Soc., 5; Herndon, Aux., 8,

1,118 99

Total, 1,133 99

LEGACY.

Paterson, N. J..—Legacy of Mrs. Caroline P. Hatch, 200 00

FLORIDA.

Daytona.—Woman's Miss'y Soc'y, 10 00
Total, 10 00

IOWA.

Beaman.—Mrs. W. M. Carver, 5 00
Total, 5 00

MONTANA.

Anaconda.—Mrs. Nancy M. Tracy, 25 00
Total, 25 00

JAPAN.

Tsu.—Miss Frances A. Gardner, 25 00
Total, 25 00

General Funds, 11,134 73
Variety Account, 239 50
Legacies, 2,250 00

Total, \$13,624 23



TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY W. B. M. P.

THE twentieth annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific was held at Santa Cruz. This was the "day of days" to us of the Woman's Board—a day for which we had made much preparation, and to which we looked forward with joyful anticipation, as it was to be in Santa Cruz, the place of our first meeting, and also of our tenth anniversary, and now of the twentieth,—'73, '83, '93,—making a trio of years which were becoming almost sacred in our history. Many years ago the Catholic fathers planted here the "holy cross," the symbol of the Christian religion, which has given Santa Cruz its beautiful name. In 1873 there came thither another band, who entered upon its blessed mission of carrying the cross invisible, but more potent than any symbol, to the hearts of helpless women across the sea. And to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of this event, this Society comes to Santa Cruz again on September 7th and 8th, of 1893.

Over sixty women from the churches of San Francisco and Oakland and vicinity took the train on the morning of the 7th, and enjoyed to the full, leaving behind them the windy, dusty city as the train took them through the lovely Santa Cruz mountains, with their groves of redwood, so majestic in their towering spires and waving branches of green. Rippling streams, and glittering foliage of all shades of green, tunnels and shelving rocks, with the sweet woody air, gave enchantment to the scenery. Within the rushing car was opportunity for delightful social intercourse and friendly greetings.

Noon brought us to the station, and in the pleasant homes opened to us by the cordial Santa Cruz ladies, the refreshing noon meal fitted us for the responsible duties of the afternoon; fitted us physically, but the hour of prayer, the ardent intercessions for the presence of the Holy Spirit in all these proceedings, assured us of the blessing of Him who said, "Without me ye can do nothing."

The beautiful new church, of which Rev. Mr. Cruzan is pastor, was made more beautiful for our coming by the exquisite decorations, which revealed

at once some artistic hand in their arrangement. Here and there were large clusters of the beautiful ferns, some of which were five or six feet long; masses of that flower so common in the gardens of New England years ago, and which we then hardly thought capable of such adornment, the marigold, with its rich shades of gold and brown. Over the mantel, and reflected in the mirror, was an artistic display of mammoth hydrangeas and of trailing hop vines. And on the tables already arranged for the social gathering of the evening, were vases of lovely flowers and delicate trailing vines. But you will say, "What has all this to do with a missionary meeting?" All this, dear reader, was a part of this meeting so delightful to us all. God's marvelous gifts of beauty with which he has lighted up this fair world, are always a fitting part of any meeting.

After the prayers and hymn, Mrs. Jewett, the President, read the 55th chapter of Isaiah, "Ho, every one that thirsteth!"

Another hymn, after which Mrs. E. G. Greene, of Santa Cruz, delivered the address of welcome to the Board. This address, so rich in thought and sympathy, was published in full in the Santa Cruz papers. The following is an extract from it: "The purposes of your endeavor marked an era in the work of missions on the Pacific Coast, an era in the work of Christian women of the Congregational churches of this coast, and also marked an era in the hearts and lives of those who heard the gospel messages borne this hour. We welcome you most gladly, because your altar fires were kindled here, and in the faith and courage of your ministries the Santa Cruz auxiliary exists."

Mrs. Jewett responded most happily to this welcome, and asked those who were present in 1873 to rise; fifteen stood. Then those who were present here in '83, when nineteen responded.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. R. E. Cole, who has been known so well all these twenty years to the contributors to our treasury, was then read. Mrs. Cole, much to the regret of all, desiring to retire from this arduous office, gave a few tender words of parting. Very few know the work and care involved in keeping correctly these accounts of moneys coming in so many little sums, and from so many individuals and societies, with specific directions of how it shall be applied; often not to be applied to our work at all, but to be sent to the American Board for some especial object not named in our schedule.

A hymn was sung with great effect by Madame Marshall, a member of the First Church, San Francisco, with accompaniment by Mrs. Cruzan on the organ.

The Home Secretary, Mrs. Dwinell, then presented her annual report, which was full of information and rich thought.

This was followed by the Twenty Years' Review by the Recording Secretary, read by Mrs. J. N. Deering.

A song was then given by Miss Delamater, after which Mrs. N. N. Cole, of Olivet Church, San Francisco, gave a very interesting paper on the subject, "Have Foreign Missions a Right to Be?" This paper was convincing in its argument, and showed that the author was master of her subject.

An extract from Macaulay was very telling; viz., "The conversion of the Britons to Christianity was one of the great events in the history of Britain," and he might add, was it not the leading event in the history of the world itself? Mrs. Howard read a poem, "1873, 1883, 1893."

The Woman's Home Missionary Society presented, through Mrs. E. S. Williams, a china plate on the occasion of this Board's "china wedding." This plate was decorated by a picture of one of the old missions and a row of bells, whose music we fancied we could hear at this time. Mrs. McLean offered a resolution expressing the thanks of this Society for the pretty gift, and it was also moved that the plate be used this evening in taking up a collection—the amount to be credited to the Santa Cruz auxiliary.

The roll call of missionaries followed, which was responded to by letters from Mrs. Holbrook, now in the Eastern States, and Miss Gunnison telling of the recent fire in her new building, the "Matsuyama Home," which gave her a great shock, as it occurred in the night; and a poor, decrepit old woman, for whom Miss Gunnison was caring, perished in the flames. Miss Gunnison will probably come home in a few months for needed rest. She has been away eight years, and this calamity has told upon her health. Mrs. Cruzan read a letter from Mrs. Gulick, telling of the thirteenth anniversary of her school in Spain. The roll call of auxiliaries was then taken up.

The report of these meetings, so rich and helpful, will be continued next week; but as "next week" is always too long a time to defer thanks for favors received, we wish to insert this resolution, adopted on Friday noon.

"Resolved, That the Woman's Board, on its twentieth anniversary, held by the cordial invitation of the ladies of Santa Cruz, in their beautiful city, wish to place on record our deep appreciation of this courtesy. That we wish to thank you for every act of kindness which has made this such a delightful, uplifting meeting. Your church has been made beautiful for us by its flowers and music. Your homes have been opened to us, and your ladies have left nothing undone to make this an occasion long to be remembered. May the Lord bless you in your church and missionary work, and may you receive rich reward for what you have given to us on our twentieth anniversary!"

This was heartily adopted by a rising vote.

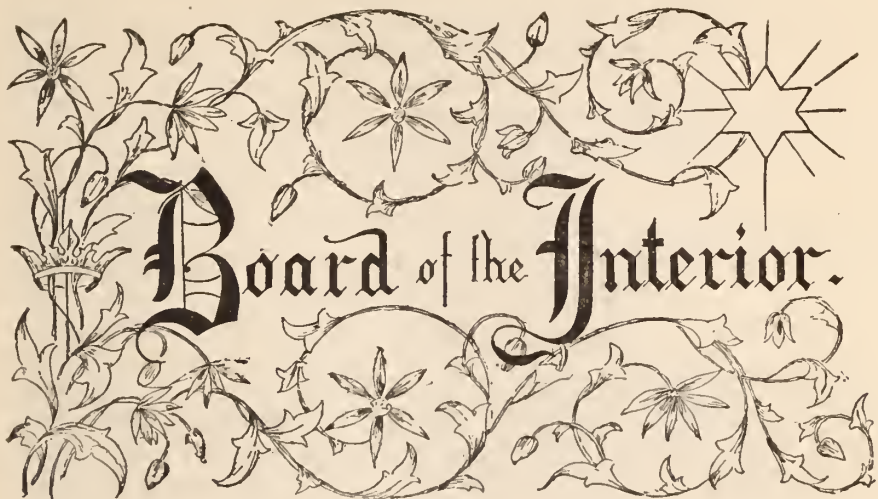
The roll call of auxiliaries was taken up. From our fifty and more auxiliary societies comparatively few sent in a written report; others responded verbally, while against the names of many the secretary has on her report, "None." Dear sisters, this ought not so to be. We come together to exchange experiences, to help each other in our efforts to increase an interest in the missionary cause. We want to hear how you have overcome the difficulties which are common to us all, and of your success in this or that method of work. The written reports were of much interest, or those that we could hear. Some were given in a scarcely audible voice. Mrs. Drennan, of Santa Cruz, presented a most interesting paper, with bits of history interwoven, and touching reminiscences of those earlier days. The following extract will give a taste of this paper. Speaking of the early organization, she said: "Those few ladies, in the waning light of that October afternoon, builded better than they knew. The answer comes to us in the slowly lifting darkness from the wretched lives and homes of the Zulus in South Africa, from our girls' school in Spain, in the lifting of the burdens from the women and children of far-off India. It comes to us in the cheering reports of our workers in China and Japan, and is wafted to us, by the white sails of the Morning Star, from the coral reefs and green islands of the Pacific."

In the report from Santa Barbara, there was mention of the sweet influence of Mrs. Hough's life still abiding with them. Some societies report thank offerings, others use the barrels or oranges, others still use the monthly envelopes, which seem to be the more systematic method of giving. Some have missionary teas at private houses, inviting the gentlemen, who seem to be, somehow, left out of this missionary work. We look forward to the time when the ladies will not have a monopoly of this kind of work, but when we shall hear of men's missionary societies, men's "Cheerful Workers," "Gleaners," "Rosebud Societies," etc., meeting once a month and reading together the missionary letters, at the same time making their monthly contributions.

Mrs. H. H. Cole gave some points in regard to interesting children and getting them to earn their own money for this cause.

The "Young Ladies' Branch" was represented in a delightful letter from Miss May Williams, the energetic president of this vigorous branch. The treasurer, Miss Goodhue, sent her yearly report, which showed that although the receipts were not quite as large as in some previous years, yet that Miss Gunnison's salary had been raised. As this is the chief end and aim of the "Young Ladies' Branch," it is always gratifying to know that they do not fail here. We trust the young ladies will "take hold" with new zeal the coming year.

(To be continued.)



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A CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS CENTENNIAL HYMN.

BY MRS. G. B. WILLCOX.

TUNE, "ELLERTON."

[Sung at the Woman's Congress of the Congregational Churches.]

O God, our Father, thou didst guide the hand
That bore thy cross to our wild Western shore;
We now, Christ-bearers, waiting thy command,
Would speed thy Word from sea to sea once more.

In thy great Name, another hero band
Braved winter's cold and ocean's driving storm;
Freedom in Christ they gave to this fair land,
Thine early Church, with simple rite and form.

Their holiest shrine within the walls of home,
Where woman's voice made jubilant accord;
Here grateful mothers pray thy kingdom come,
O Son of Mary, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Help us for love of millions yet unborn
To tell the grace that saved us from the dead;
Thy Name to publish every glowing morn,
And when the sun droops toward his ocean bed.

Soon may thy Church, from every hill and plain,
Sound all abroad her sweet and gracious call.
Ho, ye that thirst, come, drink and live again;
Come crown our Jesus King and Lord of all!

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF THE INTERIOR.

BY MRS. JAMES GIBSON JOHNSON.

THE beautiful and prosperous town of Rockford, Ill., was the place chosen for this important gathering. When the delegates and guests assembled in large numbers in the Second Congregational Church, there were many expressions of admiration and delight over the beauty and convenience of the building. In color, light, and comfort it satisfies, and its acoustic properties seem perfect.

Mrs. Moses Smith, the President, gave an inspiration to us all in the passage of Scripture she read, "The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this." Just as surely will the zeal of the Lord perform his work in these latter days. And then the words chanted by the choir, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help," made each heart respond more earnestly, "My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

Mrs. Walter M. Barrows, wife of the pastor, gave the address of welcome. Twenty-one years ago this town had welcomed the Board. Their visitors should notice the development and growth of the beautiful town. After hearing so much of the beauties of the ethnic religions, they wanted to be brought face to face with the problems of the heathen world, and to realize more fully than ever what the religion of Jesus Christ does for humanity. They had looked forward with the greatest interest to this meeting.

Mrs. Smith responded with thanks for the cordial welcome. Many still remembered that meeting twenty-one years ago, and she said that in preparing for it she sent letters to sixty-one women asking them to take some part, but all but one made excuse. Those who expected to be present were sure they could not take part in a meeting. Mrs. Smith then spoke of an address given by Mr. Stead, of the *Review of Reviews*, in which he said, "You are not to be Christians only, but Christ's." The element of sacrifice must enter into each one who would influence others as a Christian.

A note from Miss Mary Page Wright told of some Oriental sisters, in their curtained palanquins, who chose death rather than a rescue that would bring them into the sight of men. She said, "Remember the curtains, and all they symbolize."

Miss Dudley brought loving thanks from women in Japan for all this Board had done for them: from girls in the Kobe Home, trained to be teachers and Christian wives; from children in the Glory Kindergarten, whose influence was great in Japanese homes.

Miss Porter was unable to be present, but sent the message, "I thank my God for every remembrance of you, and for the love and honor in which you hold my parents."

Mr. Arthur Smith, of China, then made an address, speaking of the development and influences of civilization. One phenomenon of which he spoke was the bringing forth of something powerful from something familiar and commonplace, and as an illustration, the present powerful organizations from the men and women of fifty years ago. Even twenty-one years ago, out of sixty-one women asked to take part in a meeting but one consented. To-day we see the development of efficient influential leaders out of these same timid ones.

The Wednesday morning session was opened with prayer by Mrs. Angell, of Michigan. Mrs. Smith read the parable of the Good Samaritan: "Are not we neighbors to all to whom God has given us access?"

STATE REPORTS.

The report from Kansas said that there had not been a year when the Branch felt as thankful as during the present. There was increase in numbers and in interest. There are four hundred societies; one only had disbanded, on account of nearly all the town going to the Cherokee strip.

In North Dakota it was reported that, though funds had not increased, yet in other ways the work had grown.

"We realize more than ever before," says the report from Rocky Mountain Branch, "that the silver and the gold are not ours, but in the keeping of Him who can withhold them as seems best to Him. There seems almost a grim humor in the name for 1893, our silver year." But many have held firmly on through all obstacles, and much success has attended the plan of giving the monthly programmes into the hands of the membership of the auxiliaries. One auxiliary leaves this year, to help form the Wyoming Branch. It was also noticed that the Denver Auxiliaries have begun a Friday morning prayer meeting.

Iowa told of the seventeen years' growth of its Branch. One of the many interesting items was the story of the earning of nearly one hundred silver dollars by as many ladies, with their account of the way of earning.

Wisconsin told in an inspiring paper of sure progress, notwithstanding drawbacks. The suggestion of a silver year came from Wisconsin. Gifts from this State represent a multitude of givers.

Illinois reported increasing interest in Christian Endeavor Societies. It deplored lack of leaders for the children's work; one hundred and sixteen societies are reported among them, this not including Sunday schools.

Michigan reported great interest among many, and an increase in the amount of money contributed.

These State reports, and others that followed later, showed a most grateful sense of the spirit of prayer, and of gifts up to the ability of many, for the pressure of the unusual needs of home missions this year has been very great in these Western States.

After the reading of these reports Mrs. Arthur Smith, in her magnetic, entertaining way, gave us a talk on the work done these twenty-five years in China. The Chinese have a proverb, "At seven or eight years old you are an unmitigated nuisance." The Chinese circulated fearful stories about the missionaries, and hindered their work, or ignored them; but those first seven years gone by, colleges, hospitals, and mission stations gradually were established, in each station a band of Bible women. Last year these poor women gave three hundred days of labor out of their scanty support to Christian work.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELDS OF LABOR.

Mrs. George M. Clark's report on Turkey reminded us of the constant pressure upon heart and brain our missionaries feel in this downtrodden land. One says, "We get so hungry for something to absorb us for half an hour, when very weary." Let us think of these desires for sympathy, these needs for recreation and stimulus. Among interesting topics was the revival at Monastir, following after three days of prayer, and from Constantinople comes the word, "This last year has been the best as regards internal prosperity."

In our seminaries in Turkey there is shown a laudable ambition to keep abreast with the times, to furnish our students for changing conditions of outside life, and to establish Christian character. Besides school work there is house-to-house visitation. Of Miss Mellinger, it is said that at first the street boys threw stones at her; now they kiss her hand. Miss Shattuck is starting a library, and has plans for a series of semi-scientific lectures for the young people.

In Hadjin even the summer vacation has been used in sewing for the girls who are to go to higher schools in the autumn. The story of Margaret of Shar is interesting. Not a pupil of remarkable promise, she showed determined Christian purpose, and, after graduating, went back to her village of one hundred families, and gained the love and respect of all. She opened two schools,—about sixty in each school,—her salary and room rent being paid by the parents. After three years' work she has married, and in her Christian home may do more good by her example than as a teacher. One can count on many such graduates.

MISS POLLOCK'S REPORT ON INDIA.

In Bombay the great need of workers is shown by the fact that two of our missionaries have charge of the work alone. In Rahuri, Mrs. Ballantine's school of girls has prospered, and eight have graduated, to go to the Ahmednagar school. The examinations so pleased the government inspector—two pupils having taken government scholarships—that two daughters of the Brahmin collector and four Parsee girls have attended the school. In Madura the new home for Bible women is overflowing, many new ones coming to Miss Swift for the course. One of the secluded women has been baptized; others expect to follow. The variety and greatness of the cares that come on the few missionaries cannot be enumerated.

Mrs. Willcox's Review included Mexico, Micronesia, Japan, China, and Africa. It was a long journey which we took under her guidance. Even a suggestion of its points of interest can scarcely be here given. The Annual Report must be consulted for the account of trials and encouragements in Mexico, for vivid pictures of Miss Little's life with her girls on Kusaie, for the story of the day when the Morning Star was near being wrecked and was wonderfully saved, the very day when those who follow the Calendar were praying for the good ship. We accompanied the band of pioneers to Gazaland. "They traveled partly poled up the river in narrow canoes, where they sat on the bottom with their heads just looking over the side, partly on foot, walking through grass and bushes as high as their heads, often wet to their waists with dew. A day's walk for them was fifteen or sixteen miles." The opportunities at Tung-cho have increased so rapidly that Miss Miner writes that even with additional help during the past year they can hardly realize that their work has been lightened.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

is one of the most interesting, as it gives a clear view of what we have done and can do. The receipts for the year have been \$70,584. The debt is

\$8,294. In the report on this report, and in comments made upon it, no feeling of discouragement was shown, but rather gratitude that so much had been raised in view of the unforeseen hindrances. Various suggestions were made as to paying off the debt in the near future. Animated State meetings were held between sessions and plans were devised. Illinois, as the most able to do so, decided to be responsible for \$2,500; other States in proportion. Suggestions of more frequent appeals, of more aggressive attempts to get money from the wealthy and from those who have not given, were made.

The devotional meeting at the close of the Wednesday morning session, led by Miss Evans, of Northfield, Minnesota, was a tribute to God's loving-kindness. The people of Israel was in great strait; after earnest prayer God delivered them. Their joy because they were God's people, their new love for Mt. Zion, their offerings for it, are told in Psalm xlviii. What are our offerings, our gratitude, for twenty-five years of God's aid and inspiration? Encouragements were dwelt upon, until we felt new strength and zeal. In the midst of this time of exalted feeling came the telegram from the W. B. M. in session at Portland, Me.,—Philemon, verses 5-7. This was responded to later. Still later in the meeting came a message of greeting from the Pacific Board, brought by Mrs. Arthur Smith, who was present at its twentieth anniversary.

On Wednesday afternoon the report of our Home Secretary, Miss Wingate, was listened to with especial interest. For those who have passed from our sight during this year, and gone to be forever with the Lord, she gave our tribute of gratitude and love: Dr. Jeremiah Porter, a name well known to our Treasurer and closely associated with our work; Mrs. Forbes, President, and Mrs. Drew, Secretary of the Missouri Branch; Miss Diamant, missionary in China for twenty-four years, taken from active service to rest and to new activities. All these belong now to the "cloud of witnesses." We turned from sympathizing with the sorrowing to rejoicing with the newly married missionaries. Five of our own missionaries have taken these new duties, which means gain for the general work. Several of our missionaries are now at home for a season; three on account of ill health have resigned. Thirteen missionaries, most of them new to our Board, have been sent out this year.

The periodicals that represent our work have been well carried on, and interest in them increases. These are *Mission Studies*, *LIFE AND LIGHT*, the *Mission Dayspring*, and the *Advance Column*. Besides these, our "Mizpah Calendar" keeps our missionaries and their work daily before us.

We have printed a number of new leaflets, and reprinted others. These are helpful to many of our societies, but most helpful of all are the live missionaries; many of these, when at home for rest, have rendered valuable services, and endeared themselves to us at home, giving new zeal to the faltering, and even to the most energetic. Our home officers have also freely given of their time and strength. Many more than the usual changes have occurred among these officers, who minister to over two thousand societies.

The news from the Junior Societies is gratifying, and there is increasing missionary interest in the Christian Endeavor. In children's work, leaders who love the work and the children are needed.

The hope that we could reach the sum of \$100,000, at which our aim was set, was not realized, and yet we feel grateful that under all the unexpected drawbacks to giving, the sum of \$70,584.32 has been received. This means, however, a debt of \$8,294.81. The outfit and traveling expenses of new missionaries amounts to \$9,397. We have prayed for laborers, and they appeared; their expenses about cover the debt; we must gladly, thankfully meet it. Thirteen new missionaries have been sent this year. A glance at the past encourages us. During our twenty-five years we have adopted one hundred and thirty-six different missionaries. Five of these have been on our list twenty years, representing a century of missionary work. The total receipts for the twenty-five years is \$854,383. "Shall we not make the future a new era, and make it an era of true faith,—such faith as will be demonstrated by action?"

Two addresses must be especially mentioned, though no idea is given of their beauty and earnestness. Mrs. Adams, wife of President Adams, of Madison University, with her winning voice and presence, spoke to us of the possible danger of these busy times in giving us a superficial Christianity. She spoke of three weak points: the amount of controversy in the Church on minor matters; organizations that answer for vital things; the furore for higher education, which may be a knowledge that puffeth up and edifieth not. Miss Pollock's subject was inspiring, as was her paper. Auxiliary forces of the kingdom, the telephone, steam travel by rail or boat, international postal union, exploration, changes of government, treaties,—all these waft on His story.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR,

on Wednesday afternoon, was a recreation to many of us whose close attention needed a rest; and when the little army, with its banners, marched in singing, all looked and enjoyed. But we had our especial address at this time as well as the children, when Mrs. Case and Mrs. Ide spoke to us on the subject of "Leading the Hosts." Both addresses aimed at impressing the importance of the children's work on their elders, and that each child also might feel,

"I am a part of God's great plan,
And I'll cheerfully do the best I can."

But the children's especial speakers were Miss Wright, Mrs. Arthur Smith, and Mrs. Montgomery. The first two told them stories, and Mrs. Montgomery showed them pictures, which made them better acquainted with the children on the other side of the globe. Mrs. Smith's story of the ten little captives was listened to with many signs of great interest, and numbers of the children guessed the names of the captives. But only Mrs. Smith can tell her stories. One wishes that all the missionary bands could hear her.

On Wednesday evening a reception was held in the College, in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary. The Faculty, Mrs. Woodruff, Mrs. Talcott, and others, received a large company, and then adjourning to the chapel, many interesting reminiscences and greetings were given. Our president, Mrs. Moses Smith, recalled some of the early days of the Board; Mrs. S. J. Humphrey spoke of the Morning Twilight. A paper written by Dr.

Humphrey was read; Mrs. Haven, Mrs. Willcox, and others added interesting memories. Refreshments were served, and the evening, all too short, was closed with prayer.

A very interesting part of the whole programme came on Thursday morning, and was called Voices from the Front. These voices were eagerly listened to as they cried out to us from their wildernesses. Miss Day, formerly of Africa, sent an urgent appeal to the women of America to stand firm and work unitedly for the total destruction of the liquor traffic, which she was convinced was the greatest hindrance everywhere to the spread of the gospel. This conviction was the result of twenty years' experience in Africa. Mrs. Coffing, the oldest and first adopted of our missionaries, sent this message to mothers: "I beg each of you not to think your daughter has too much culture for the foreign work. The highest culture in science, in the arts, of the mind and of the heart, are not too much for a service to which the Son of God gave himself."

Miss Howe's message was a charge to work with the children and for the sake of the children. They are the same the world over. See that the kindergarten is a part of mission work.

Mrs. Gulick, of Japan, hoped that no efforts would be relaxed because of the feeling that the unchristian faiths had so much goodness in them. Miss Olmstead, of Constantinople: "Work for higher education." She rejoiced in the seven bright, enthusiastic, earnest Christian girls graduated this year.

Miss Wyckoff spoke of gladness for the labor, love, and prayer crowded into the twenty-five years. Thanksgiving for all accomplished, fresh courage for a new quarter of a century.

Miss Fletcher of Micronesia, Miss Abbott of India, Miss Millard of Bombay, Miss Bissell, India, Miss Jones, Turkey, Miss Wainwright, Japan, Miss Haskell of Turkey, Miss Parmalee of Japan, said: "This is in a peculiar sense God's time. Pray! Pray! Pray!"

If there were only time and space to record all these voices! There was only a sentence or two from each, but it expressed years of longing, praying, working.

The Board at this point turned its thoughts to those who had been called to a higher service, and to those whom illness had kept from this meeting. Great regret was expressed at the illness of Mrs. E. W. Blatchford, whose paper on "Twenty-five Years of the W. B. M. I." was one of those looked forward to with especial interest. A message was read from Mrs. Blatchford, closing with these words, "My prayer is that new love for Christ may fill all hearts, that new wisdom to plan for his work, and new courage to take it up, may be given to each."

This paper that Mrs. Blatchford's illness prevented her finishing, will, it is hoped, be finished and published for distribution, as the Board unanimously requested.

Mrs. Baird read a memorial of Mrs. Mary Learned Bartlett, first President of the Board. A message was read from Mrs. Francis Bradley, the second Treasurer, and from Mrs. J. V. Farwell, Treasurer when the Presbyterian and Congregational Woman's Boards were one, also from Dr. N. G. Clark and others.

As we turned to the consecration meeting, led by Mrs. C. H. Case, we felt, in view of these messages and memorials,—

“All the servants of our King
In heaven and earth are one!
One army of the living God,
To his commands we bow.”

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Smith introduced Mrs. Bates, just returned from Zululand, who gave fresh accounts of the mission, also latest tidings of the colony to Gazaland.

Committee on Nominations reported the same officers, with the exception of Mrs. George M. Clark in the place of Mrs. J. E. Miller, a Corresponding Secretary, resigning on account of protracted ill health, and several new managers for some resigning.

THE YOUNG LADIES' HOUR.

This is always interesting in what it is and in what its results may be; but as the addresses of the young ladies, and also that of Miss Wright, it is hoped, will be secured for *Mission Studies*, we will refer all interested to that paper. Practical suggestions will be found in these addresses. Mrs. Brunner's paper for young women was earnest and loving. She advised separate organizations for them; and in order to be successful—take it up as a life work. Be as ready to ask money as to give it. Have tact. Count no meeting small where Christ is.

The afternoon was drawing to a close, and resolutions of thanks were passed to those who had been our hosts, and to all who had helped to make our meeting successful.

In the evening session, after the opening exercises, the claims of the Oberlin Home were presented. Miss Jane G. Evans, from China, in her address said she was prayed into China by her sister. Growth there means patient, earnest effort. Dr. Creegan followed with an earnest address on the “Ministry of Women.”

This closed the evening session; and the Board adjourned, to meet next year in Plymouth Church, Chicago.

After such an occasion is ended one has more time to think, on the journey home, of the careful planning and the untiring watchfulness of the hostesses, of their cordial greetings and abundant hospitality,—the rest planned for, the pleasant drive crowded in. The two churches provided a noonday luncheon each day, which was very appetizing, and which also brought the ladies together in a social way. Solos were also rendered by young ladies of the churches. It was good to be there, we felt and said to each other on our homeward way.

NUGGETS FROM THE ROCKFORD MEETING.

WHAT we need is an educational campaign.

I wish people wouldn't write, “I cannot do anything for *your* work.” It is *God's* work.

DURING the congresses I saw women who knew nothing of missions interested in the religions of the world. Could these same women know the condition of women in heathen lands, I think they would be interested to help them.

WE want hand-picked women for our work.

CHRISTIANITY in heathen lands will depend upon the type we have at home. If we want to help others we must purify our own lives.

I NEVER in my life feel such reverence as in the presence of a returned missionary.

IN ascending Mt. Washington in the mist, you might not know you were ascending save for the difficulty. So in the beginning of the W. B. M. I. : it was like the early dawn ; we knew not we were ascending.

IF one would choose simply for might in *culture*, one should choose missionary work.

I HAVE a friend whose birthday book lies by the Bible. After the Scriptures are read at family worship, the birthday book is opened to see what friend is to be remembered. At our College Home the Mizpah Calendar is our birthday book, which we keep by the Bible, that it shall be not only for ourselves in our rooms, but for the family.

NEVER was such stimulus for all good work as now.

THANK God for courage.

MAY we be willing to make mistakes, even to work feebly, till God chooses a better leader.

THE wish has been expressed that a new professorship could be endowed in the Theological Seminary for the instruction of our future pastors in the benevolences of the Church.

I HAVE been a *member* of missionary societies before, but now I shall be a *worker*.

THE great want in our country is conscience.

IF the world is to be regenerated, it will be when the forces of men and women are truly active.

THE work of the Church is to save the lost, and to wake up the saints and set them to work.

THE old idea of the Church is of a kind of corporal guard ; the new idea is of a talent for organization that will set people to work.

WORDS FITLY SPOKEN.

OUR work is a siege. The mission forces will not win China by a brilliant charge of the light brigade, but by the gradual wearing away of the walls of prejudice, pride, self-sufficiency, and selfishness. Loving patience, tact, devotion, wisdom and faith are the great siege guns. Come to China and be willing to accept certain limitations of the kind I have mentioned, and you will find a work large enough to engage all your ability to plan and execute,

all your power in language study, all your faculty of observation of human nature, under exceedingly different conditions from what you have known, being assured you will see what will arouse your sympathy, your pity, and your wonder, and will cause you to exceedingly esteem what you have known in your home land. I do not believe you can have a better standpoint from which to view the grand results of Christianity as it bears its fruit in America, than to step entirely outside of it and see it from a mission field.

WHEN I think of the sinful waste of money in America on food and clothing, fine houses and other vanities, my blood boils. Meanwhile thousands, yea, millions, are dying, body and soul, for lack of the Bread of Life. When Christians learn to answer their own prayers the kingdom of God will come. Ruskin says: "If you do not wish for his kingdom don't pray for it. But if you do, you must do more than pray for it; you must work for it." And working for it does not mean doing and giving as much as is pleasant and easy; it means a total denial, yes, annihilation, of self. . . . I know there have been many and terrible business failures in the United States this past summer, but I hope all Christian people will feel that whatever else may suffer, the work of winning the world for Christ must not stop. Now is the time for Christians to show their Christianity by the utmost self-denial for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. The majority of Christians have not learned how to give. Only this morning I was reading something that impressed me deeply; it was the following thought: "God looks not at what is given, but at what is kept back." The reason Christ praised the widow was because she gave all that she possessed. Who of us gives to that extent? Who cares first for God's kingdom, and second for himself?

A friend sends this extract from a sermon preached by her pastor. She has copied the prayer and hung it in her room, that each morning it may help her to be strong for the duties of the day.

"My desire is to have here a body of people representing every class who live in this great city, every one of whom will go out in the morning to his work with the prayer: Here I am, Lord, for thy use,—a living offering. Give me so surely Thy Spirit, that my appointed work may be faithfully, thoroughly, honestly done; that in it all may be evident my hope, and faith, and love, which are thy gift, and which are nourished by thee. And may I, by the free and natural outgoing of this inner life, constantly influence life around me, that others may be led to Thee as the source of courage and patience, and of righteousness and eternal life."

Home Department.

STUDIES IN MISSIONS.

PLAN OF LESSONS FOR 1894.

January.—Outlook.

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August.—"In the Beginning," or How the Work in the Various Missions was Opened.

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THE OUTLOOK.

At the beginning of our second quarter century it behooves us to look forward as well as back, and see what lies before us to be accomplished.

What is the outlook from the standpoint of promise and prophecy? See Miss Wright's article on "Looking Forward," in *Mission Studies* for January.

What is the condition of the world to-day? Of Asia? Of Africa?

What encouragements have we to go forward?

Turkey.—What is the condition of the Moslem women? What more can we do for the people already accessible?

Japan.—What remains to be done? What lies just before us?

India.—What is the condition of India? What have the Congregational women assigned to them as their share? What can we see just before us?

China.—What is our work here? What is the call for this present time?

Papal Lands. *Spain.*—What does she ask from the women of America now? *Austria?* What are still the great needs? What is the immediate need?

Micronesia.—What are the needs of this island world?

Africa.—What special work for us here? What in the two new missions? See January number of *Mission Studies*, to be obtained at 59 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.

For the Coral Workers.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1894.

January, China.

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WOMAN'S BOARD OF THE INTERIOR.

Mrs. J. B. LEAKE, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS FROM OCTOBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 4, 1893.

ILLINOIS.

BRANCH.—Mrs. W. A. Talcott, of Rockford, Treas. Illinois, E. F. Nelson, 2; Abingdon, 27; Aurora, New Eng. Ch., 25; Batavia, 21.50; Bowen, 10.55; Chicago, Duncan Ave. Ch., 15.25, First Ch., 5, Forestville Ch., 12.20; Englewood, Green St. Ch., 3.20, Lake View, Ch. of the Redeemer, 26.50, Leavitt St. Ch., 44.67, Millard Ave. Ch., 13, New Eng. Ch., 64, Oakley Ave. Ch., 5, South Ch., of wh. Mrs. J. H. Moore 25, 49.35, Tabernacle Ch., 31 cts. of wh. from a little boy, 10.61, Union Pk. Ch., 85.25, C. E., 5, Miss F. B. W., 2; Chicago Heights, E. B. S., 5; Crystal Lake, 10.75; Cambridge, Mrs. A. G., 4; Danvers, 13.55; Danville, Mrs. A. M. Swan, 11; De Kalb, 10; Dundee, 25; Elmwood, 1; Elgin, 25; Evanston, 65.15; Glencoe, 6.45; Galesburg, First Cong'l Ch., 51; Galva, 12.19; Greenville, 20.36; Granville, 6; Harvey, 4.35; Hinsdale, 108; La Grange, Mrs. G. M. V., 7; Lake Forest, Mrs. E. C. L., 2; Lyonsville, 48.90; Marseilles, 4; Maywood, 14.55; McLean, 16; Kewanee, 33.05; Onarga, 3.35; Oak Park, 190.75; Princeton, 34; Providence, 25.25; Peoria, First Ch., 290.05, Plymouth Ch., 9.14; Payson, 12; Roseville, Mrs. Axtell, 15; Rosemond, 6.56; Rockford, First Ch., of wh. 50 from Mrs. D. S. P., 100.45; Roscoe, 9.50; Ravenswood, 28.95; Ridgeland, 65.25; Rogers Park, 14; Summerdale, 5; Sollitt, 2; Springfield, First Ch., 22; Sheffield, 11; Sycamore, 16.25; St. Charles, 8; Woodburn, 15.75; Western Springs, 1.70, 1,817 33

JUNIOR: Alton, Ch. of the Redeemer, 7.06; Aurora, New Eng. Ch., 50; Chicago, First Ch., 6; Lake View, Ch. of the Redeemer, 12, Lincoln Pk. Ch., 50, New Eng. Ch., 50, South Ch., 34, Warren Ave. Ch., 15.51; Evanston, 49.68; Glencoe, 25.15; Geneva, 25; Illini, 30.96; Jacksonville, 12.75, K. D., 4; Rosemond, Bridge Builders, 2.20; Seward, 14, 388 31

JUVENILE: Chicago, Millard Ave. Ch., 12, Oakley Ave. Ch., 5, Warren Ave. Ch., 27.45; Evanston, Light Bearers, 32.83; Greenville, Busy Bees, 1.28; Geneva, 5; Joy Prairie, 6.25; Maywood, 1; Ottawa, Willing Workers, 16.70; Payson, Cheerful Workers, 16; Port Byron, 5; Ravenswood, 9.45; Springfield, Second Ch., 3, 140 96

C. E.: Batavia, 13.50; Chicago, Union Pk. Ch., 28.59, 42 09

JUNIOR C. E.: Bunker Hill, 2; Chicago, Plymouth Ch., 16.15; Huntley, 6, 24 15

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Moline, 6 20

THANK OFFERINGS: Abingdon, 20.25; Chesterfield, 8.41; Chicago, a Friend, 2.07, Douglass Pk. Ch., 3.81, Forestville Ch., 42, Leavitt St. Ch., 34.16, Lincoln Pk. Ch., 10.75, South Ch., 11.56; Crystal Lake, 28; Downers Grove, 12; Danvers, 8.15; Glencoe, 130; Galesburg, First Cong'l Ch., 39; Godfrey, 3.30; Granville, 10.60; Glencoe, add'l, 7; Harvey, 3; Hamilton, 6.75; Joy Prairie, 32.90; Mission Band, 3.48; La Grange, 42; La Salle, 2.98;

Lyndon, Mrs. R. M. F., 5; Moline, 24.50; Kewanee, 16.95; Ontario, 10; Oak Park, 32.90; Payson, 66; Port Byron, 6.84; Rockford, Second Ch., add'l, 2; Roscoe, 10.20; Ravenswood, 20.05; Ridgeland, 21.75; Summerdale, 2; Thawville, 4; Western Springs, 13.50, 697 86

SILVER FUND: Bowen, 1.25; Chicago, Miss A. M. P., 25, Douglass Pk. Ch., 5.10; Peoria, Plymouth Ch., 30.20; Ravenswood, 2; Rogers Park, 3; Sterling, Mrs. McKinney, 25; Western Springs, 5, 96 55

Total, 3,213 45

ADDITIONAL.

Chicago, Miss M. C. Beach, 2, New Eng. Ch., a Friend, 5, Plymouth Ch., 12, Union Park Ch., Aux., 56.75, a Friend, 1; Clifton, 22.75; Glencoe, 5; Wheaton, 2; Wilmette, 23.50, 130 00

JUVENILE: Wheaton, Light Bearers, 1 50

Total, 131 50

INDIANA.

BRANCH.—Miss S. M. Gilbert, of Terre Haute, Treas. Angola, 7; Caseyville, 1; E. Chicago, L. L. Lamb, 25 cts.; Elkhart, 8.36; Fremont, 2; Hammond, First Ch., 2.25; Indianapolis, Fellowship Ch., 2.25, Mayflower Ch., 27.05; Kokomo, 50; Marion, 1.45; Michigan City, 5; Perth, 1; Solisbury, Mrs. Sarah E. Torrence, 1; Terre Haute, First Ch., 19.40, Second Ch., 2.50, 130 51

JUNIOR: Brightwood, C. E., 50 cts.; Elkhart, 2.87; Hobart, C. E., 5; Indianapolis, Mayflower Ch., Y. P. F. M. S., 24.25, People's Ch., C. E., 7; Michigan City, First Ch., C. E., 2, Mosaics, 3, Minnie Baldwin, 1.50; Terre Haute, First Ch., Opportunity Club, 22.87, 68 97

JUVENILE: Bremen, Plymouth Ch., M. B., 1; Elkhart, M. B., 81 cts., S. S., 3.33; Hosmer, Soldiers of Jesus, 6.40; Kokomo, Jun. C. E., 9; Lake Gage, Busy Bees, 30 cts.; Terre Haute, First Ch., Jun. C. E., 10, S. S., 51.39, Second Ch., S. S., 5; Whiting, S. S., 2, 89 23

CARRIE BELL MEMORIAL: Hosmer, Aux., 1; Indianapolis, Mayflower Ch., Mrs. Sanborn, 5, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 14, K. D., 5; Lake Gage, Mrs. Butler, 5; Michigan City, Emanuel S. S., 3; Terre Haute, First Ch., Opportunity Club, 4.50, 37 50

EXTRA-CENT-A-DAY: Terre Haute, First Ch., Aux., 8 50

SILVER FUND: Bremen, S. S., 1.10; Indianapolis, Mayflower Ch., S. S., 3.60; Porter, Mrs. Busse, 1, Wm. Jump, 1; Terre Haute, First Ch., Aux., 41.40, 48 10

THANK OFFERINGS: Indianapolis, Mayflower Ch., Aux., 17.65; Michigan City, Aux., 3, 20 65

Total, 403 46

IOWA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. E. Rew, of Grinnell, Treas. Albia, Mrs. M. A. Payne, 1; Anamosa, 5; Blairstown, Mrs. J. H. French,

2; Cass, 6; Council Bluffs, 21.55; Anon., 5; Cincinnati, 3.15; Davenport, 28.70; Des Moines, Pilgrim Ch., 5.50; Plymouth Ch., 17.33; Glenwood, 10.20; Grinnell, 12.05; Hull, 5; Independence, Sumner Township, 5; Kelley, 10; Le Mars, 1.30; Lyons, 14.05; Marshalltown, 55; Newton, 20; Onawa, 21.74; Oskaloosa, 8.65; Shenandoah, 5.98; Spencer, 2.50; Tabor, 22; Traer, 50.25; Teeds, 9.36.	348 31
JUNIOR: Central City, 5; Des Moines, Plymouth Rock Soc., 37; Grinnell, Y. L., 1.50; Hampton, 6.50; Muscatine, 10; Traer, 30.	90 00
JUVENILE: Cedar Rapids, Busy Bees, 1; Council Bluffs, Little Saint's Money, 1; Grinnell, Busy Bees, W. Br., 4.75; Traer, Coral Workers, 9.36.	16 11
C. E.: Des Moines, Pilgrim Ch., 8; Ogden, 2.65; Oskaloosa, 2; Ottumwa, 8.62.	21 27
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Cresco, 2.32; Des Moines, Pilgrim Ch., 4; Merville, 2.	8 32
SPECIAL: Grinnell, Mrs. E. R. Potter, 15 00	
SILVER FUND: Clinton, 2; Davenport, 10.50; Des Moines, Plymouth Ch., 2, Mrs. J. F. Rollins, 25, Plymouth Rock Soc., 33.11; Lyons, 2; Marshalltown, 1; Mason City, 41.24; Shenandoah, 11.22.	128 07
THANK OFFERINGS: Clinton, 12; Council Bluffs, 30.43; Davenport, 16.42; Des Moines, Pilgrim Ch., 5.10, Plymouth Ch., 37.46, Plymouth Rock, Junior, 27.49; Le Mars, 9; Lyons, 24; Magnolia, add'l, 1; Marshalltown, 10; Ogden, 2.75; Spencer, 6.55; Traer, 18.75; West Mitchell, Mrs. Ann Chambers, 1.	201 95
Total,	829 03

ADDITIONAL.

Davenport, German Ch., 1.05; Des Moines, Plymouth Ch., 4.29, Old Man's Creek, 2.50; Peterson, 1.25.	9 09
C. E.: Toledo, 1 80	
THANK OFFERING: Sibley, 2 25	
Total,	13 14

KANSAS.

BRANCH.—Mrs. W. A. Coats, of Topeka, Treas. Argentine, 3; Atchison, 5.10; Burlington, 8.85; Eureka, 51.72; Fairview, 5; Goshen, 10; Kansas City, 1; Manhattan, 76.11; Parsons, 9.65; Seneca, 13.74; Osborn, 2.35; Topeka, Center Ch., 1.	187 52
JUNIOR: Kansas City, 15 00	
Total,	202 52

ADDITIONAL.

Auburn, 2.22; Diamond Springs, 50 cts.; Leona, 1; Russell, 14; Topeka, 7.	24 72
Less expenses,	4 00
Total,	20 72

MICHIGAN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. Robert Campbell, of Ann Arbor, Treas. Covert, 5.25; Detroit, Woodward Ave. Ch., 33; Flint, 4; Galesburg, 22; Greenville, 5; Jackson, 69; Kalamazoo, 29; Manistee, of wh. 40.90 is Thank Off., 50; Portland, 2.21; Port Huron, 22.75; Sandstone, of wh. 15.05 Thank Off., 17.20; Wyandotte, 1; Ypsilanti, 17.85.	278 26
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JUNIOR: Detroit, Woodward Ave., Y. L., of wh. 5.62 is Thank Off., 72.41; Grand Rapids, Park Ch., Y. L., 7.	79 41
JUVENILE: Jackson, Morning Star Band, 5; Detroit, Mission Band, 5; Litchfield, C. E., 7; Wyandotte, C. E., 2.	19 00
SILVER FUND: Jackson, 60; Portland, 2.25; Red Jacket, L. M. S., 92.19.	154 44
THANK OFFERING: For the Debt,	25 00
Total,	556 11

ADDITIONAL.

Detroit, a Friend, for Kobe College, Special, 110, a Friend, per E. M. S., 5; Owosso, Mrs. E. D. Perkins, 5; St. Joseph, 38.	158 00
Total,	158 00

MINNESOTA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. J. F. Jackson, 139 University Ave. E., St. Paul, Treas. Faribault, 14.50; Hutchinson, 2; Madison, 75 cts., Minneapolis, Mrs. Love, 5, Missionary Union, 11.50, Lyndale Ch., 3.74; Northfield, Carleton College, Y. L., 85.16, Aux., 29.55; Spring Valley, 15; St. Paul, Park Ch., 18.43; Wabasha, 7.20; Winona, a Friend, 2.	194 83
JUNIOR: Northfield, 7 40	
C. E.: Winona, First Ch., 60 00	
INTERMEDIATE C. E.: Minneapolis, Park Ave. Ch., 25 00	
JUVENILE: Hutchinson, M. B., 7; Minneapolis, Silver Lake S. S., 2.54.	9 54
SPECIAL: Maine, Pres. S. S., 6 91	
	303 63

Less expenses,

2 20
Total,
301 48

MISSOURI.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. M. Adams, 4427 Morgan St., St. Louis, Treas. Hannibal, Pilgrim Ch., 7; Kidder, 12; Kansas City, First Ch., 6.53, Olivet Ch., K. C., 15; Sedalia, 15; Springfield, First Ch., 67, Central Ch., 11.70; St. Louis, First Ch., 27.85, Pilgrim Ch., 10, Central Ch., 11, Ch. of the Redeemer, 5, Compton Hill Ch., 8.15, Memorial Ch., 5, Plymouth Ch., 11.50, Tabernacle Ch., 10; Webster Groves, 43.35.	266 08
JUNIOR: Kansas City, First Ch., Y. L., 14.50, Olivet Ch., Y. L., 5, Olivet Ch., C. E., 3; Nickols, C. E., 5; Springfield, Central Ch., C. E., 5.63; St. Louis, First Ch., Y. L., 18.75, Pilgrim Ch., Y. L., 70, First Ch., B. H. George S., 1.45, Compton Hill Ch., Y. L., 23.	146 33
JUVENILE: Kansas City, Clyde Ch., Juniors and Chps, 5; Webster Groves, Infant Cl., 1.50.	6 50
Total,	418 91

MONTANA.

BRANCH: Mrs. Herbert E. Jones, of Livingston, Treas. Chinook, 1; Missoula, Mrs. O. C. Clark, 13.30, of wh. 6 the savings of a dear child now in heaven.	14 30
Total,	14 30

OHIO.

BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, of Elyria, Treas.	
PRESENT NEED FUND: Akron, First Ch., 6, West Ch., 24; Ashtabula, 10; Atwater, 40 cts.; Burton, 5; Chardon, 1; Chatham Center, 5; Cincinnati, Central Ch., 4; Walnut Hills Ch., 5; Cleveland, Mrs. A. F. R., 5, Mrs. K., 1; Columbus, Eastwood Ch., 5, First Ch., 55; Conneaut, 1; Cortland, 1; Cuyahoga Falls, 2.29; Elyria, 12.50; Cleveland, Euclid Ave. Ch., 142.98, Mt. Zion Ch., 15; Huntsburg, 2; Jefferson, 1.25; Kinsman, 2; Lindenville, 4; Marietta, In Memoriam, 3; Madison, 3.25; Mansfield, 5; Medina, 10; Mt. Vernon, 5, Miss R. E. P., 25; New London, 1.50; Oberlin, 55, Mrs. H. E. B., 5, Second Ch., 10; Parkman, 1; Ravenna, 25 cts.; Ridgeville Corners, 4.76; Rootstown, 3.12; So. Newbury, 7.25; Tallmadge, 5.37; Toledo, Central Ch., 10.35; First Ch., 10, M. C. D., 2, Washington St. Ch., 5; Unionville, 1.50; Wellington, 14.50; West Andover, 1; Windham, 2.50,	501 77
<i>Coll. at Annual Meeting,</i>	11 60
<i>Allegheny City, Penn.,</i>	5 00
<i>Cendi, West Va.,</i>	3 25
JUNIOR: Cuyahoga Falls, Y. L., 20; Newark, Plymouth Ch., K. D., 3,	23 00
C. E.; Columbus, Plymouth Ch., 3; Richfield, 3,	6 00
JUVENILE: Berea, M. B., 2.24; Litchfield, Little Helpers, 4,	6 24
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Ashtabula, 5; Charles-town, 5,	10 00
SILVER FUND: Akron, West Ch., Mrs. Rhodes, 1; Cleveland, Euclid Ave. Ch., 20, Mt. Zion Ch., 16.50; Columbus, First Ch., 15; Garrettsville, Mrs. E. P. T., 1,	53 50
THANK OFFERINGS: Berca, 14; Linden-ville, 3,	17 00
Total,	637 36

SOUTH DAKOTA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. S. Kingsbury, of Sioux Falls, Treas. Buffalo Gap, 3.25; Henry, 17; Howard, 9.88; Huron, 15,	45 13
JUNIOR: Sioux Falls, K. D.,	5 00
Total,	50 13

RECEIPTS FROM NOVEMBER 4 TO NOVEMBER 18, 1893.

ILLINOIS.

BRANCH.—Mrs. W. A. Talcott, of Rockford, Treas. Champaign, 21; Chicago, Millard Ave. Ch., 5, Pilgrim Ch., 47.64; Emington, 1; Evanston, First Ch., 14; Hinsdale, 30; Pittsfield, 5; Somonauk, 25.50; Summer Hill, 7; Winnebago, 6,	162 14
JUNIOR: Dover, 2.85; Winnebago, 7.50,	10 35
JUVENILE: Dover, Coral Workers, 2; Evanston, Light Bearers, 85 cts.,	2 85
SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rockford, Second Ch., C. E.; Cambridge,	15 00
JUNIOR C. E.: Chicago, Kenwood Ev. Ch., 25.46; Naperville, 12.25	6 35
THANK OFFERINGS: Abingdon, add'l, 3; Chicago, Kenwood Ev. Ch., add'l, 7.60; Pilgrim Ch., 33.30; Dover, Y. L., 6.35; Loda, 20; Ottawa, 12.13, Y. L., 12.13,	37 71
COLLECTION AT ANNUAL MEETING: Rock-	94 41

WISCONSIN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. R. Coburn, of Whitewater, Treas. Auroraville, 1; Browntown, 5.71; Cambridge, 6.30; Cooksville, 5; Delavan, 8; Milwaukee, Grand Ave. Ch., 63.50; New Richmond, 13.55; River Falls, 3.50; Stoughton, 3; Trevor, 8; Waukesha, 15,	132 56
JUNIOR: Brandon, Y. L.,	2 13
JUVENILE: Waukesha, Junior C. E.,	4 00
Total,	138 69

ADDITIONAL.

Beloit, First Ch., 13.60; Fox Lake, 2; Ladago, Mrs. A. Pallister, 35; Lake Mills, 1; Milwaukee, Grand Ave. Ch., 50; Racine, 5.75; Viroqua, 10,	117 35
SILVER FUND: Beloit, First Ch.,	15 00
JUNIOR: Beloit, First Ch., Y. L.,	21 00
Less expenses,	153 35
Total,	1 35
Total,	152 00

WYOMING.

Rock Springs,	3 50
Total,	3 50

ARKANSAS.

Little Rock,	3 50
Total,	3 50

IDAHO.

Boise City,	7 25
Total,	7 25

MASSACHUSETTS.

Newton Centre.—"A,"	10 00
Total,	10 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

One half coffee-pot collection at World's Fair, 58.24; sale of calendars for two years, 781.84; silver keys for badges, 192.85; leaflets, 18.84,	1,051 77
Total, October 18th to November 4th,	8,316 82
Previously acknowledged,	62,267 50
Total for year ending Nov. 4, 1893,	\$70,584 32

ford, Nov. 9th, of wh. 10 from Miss Mary P. Wright,	67 00
Total,	395 81

IOWA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. E. Rew, of Grinnell, Treas. Cherokee, 15; Dubuque, 14.75; Ft. Dodge, 5.28; Green Mountain, 3.50; Keosauqua, 18; Tipton, 5; Waucoma, 10; Webster City, 15.58; Wentworth, Mrs. Kimball and Daughter, 15; Winthrop, 12,	112 11
C. E.; Hampton,	8 19
JUNIOR C. E.: Des Moines, North Park Ch., for Erratum,	4 00
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Des Moines, Plymouth Ch., 7.79; Eldora, 3.48,	11 27
SILVER FUND: Burlington, Mrs. M. S. Leonard, 25; Iowa Falls, Mrs. Dr. Hill, 1,	26 00

THANK OFFERINGS: Anita, H. C. M., 2; Dubuque, 29.25; Red Oak, 22.25, Received from sale of leaflets and calen- dars,	53 50
	6 65
Total,	221 72

MICHIGAN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. Robert Campbell, of Ann Arbor, Treas. Ann Arbor, of wh. 1.50 is add'l Thank Off., 10.90; Allegan, Thank Off., 10; Armada, 9; Columbus, 8; Coloma, W. H. & F. M. S., 2; Cadillac, 8; Dorr, First Ch., 10.50; Detroit, Plymouth Ch., 10; Woodward Ave. Ch., 4; Grand Rapids, Second Ch., 11; Ludington, 7.68; North Adams, 20; Owosso, M. U., 40; Pontiac, 2.20; Reed City, of wh. 12 is a Thank Off., 18.30; Sault-Ste. Marie, of wh. 4.23 is Thank Off., 6; St. Johns, 9; St. Clair, First Ch., 20; Utica, W. H. & F. M. S., 6.50; Watervliet, of wh. 14.40 is Thank Off., 25,	288 08
JUNIOR: Detroit, Woodward Ave. Ch., 17.60; Pontiac, 10; St. Clair, C. E., 10,	37 60
JUVENILE: Detroit, Woodward Ave. Ch., King's Cup Bearers, 5; Sandstone, 17.61; Watervliet, Mountain Rills, a Thank Off., 3,	25 61
SUNDAY SCHOOL: Dorr, First Ch.,	4 50
SILVER FUND: Allegan, 2; Breckenridge, from Mrs. Janette Howe, 1; Essexville, from Mrs. A. J. Harris, 1; Mrs. W. P. Sharp, 1; Mrs. J. B. Garber, 1; Mrs. Wm. Felker, 1; Mrs. P. Tanney, 25 cts.; Mrs. Geo. Coon, 10 cts.—4.35; Merrill, 1.05; Pontiac, from Mrs. S. E. Soper and Miss T. H. Soper, 1.50,	9 90
Total,	315 69

MINNESOTA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. J. F. Jackson, 139 University Ave. E., St. Paul, Treas. Glenwood, 5.54; Minneapolis, First Ch., 20; New Ulm, 5; Northfield, 53.95; St. Paul, Plymouth Ch., 20.55,	126 04
JUNIOR C. E.: Winona, First Ch.,	2 00
SPECIAL: St. Paul, South Park, People's Ch.,	1 00
	129 04
Less expenses,	11 80
Total,	117 24

MISSOURI.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. M. Adams, 4427 Morgan St., St. Louis, Treas. Aurora, 11.24; Brookfield, 5; Rogers, 5.15; St. Louis, Pilgrim Ch., 7.48; Compton Hill Ch., 11.70,	40 57
Total,	40 57

OHIO.

BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, of Elyria, Treas. Chillicothe, Mrs. M. K. P., 3; Cincinnati, Walnut Hills Ch., 15; Pencil, 1.50; Ravenna, 50; Richfield, 2; Steuben, 15; Toledo, First Ch., 110,	196 50
JUVENILE: Harbor, Second Ch., Happy Hearts,	8 00

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Mansfield, First Ch., to const. L. M. Miss Emily E. Peck,	25 00
	229 50
Less expenses,	22 00
Total,	207 50

ROCKY MOUNTAIN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. S. Burwell, of Denver, Treas. Boulder, 29.50; Crested Butte, 33; Colorado Springs, First Ch., 30.18; Denver, Plymouth Ch., 34.54; South Broadway Ch., 2.05, to const. Mrs. Jennie E. Thomas L. M., 25, Third Ch., 25 cts., to const. Mrs. Root L. M., 25, Second Ch., 15, North Ch., 6, First Ch., 40; Grand Junction, First Ch., 8; Highlandlake, 10.91; Longmont, 21; Manitou, 10.10; Pueblo, Pilgrim Ch., 95 cts., First Ch., 15; Whitewater, 4.45,	310 93
JUNIOR: Crested Butte, C. E., 1.25; Denver, Boulevard Ch., M. B., 5; Longmont, S. S., 15; Pueblo, Pilgrim Ch., C. E., 7; Whitewater, K. D., 3.15,	31 40
JUVENILE: Boulder, M. B., 11.50; Denver, Plymouth Ch., M. B., 4.35; South Broadway, Junior C. E., 4; Whitewater, M. B., 1.15,	21 00
SILVER FUND: Denver, First Ch., 1; Pueblo, First Ch., 2, Pilgrim Ch., 3,	6 00
Total,	369 33

SOUTH DAKOTA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. S. Kingsbury, of Sioux Falls, Treas. Chamberlain, 1.82; Clark, 8.58; Deadwood, 8.90; Firesteel Ch., 1.57; Springfield, Mrs. Seccombe, 1,	21 87
JUNIOR: Chamberlain, K. D.,	64
JUNIOR C. E.: Clark, 1.31; Springfield, 1,	2 31
THANK OFFERINGS: Chamberlain, 3.77; Columbia, 13,	16 77
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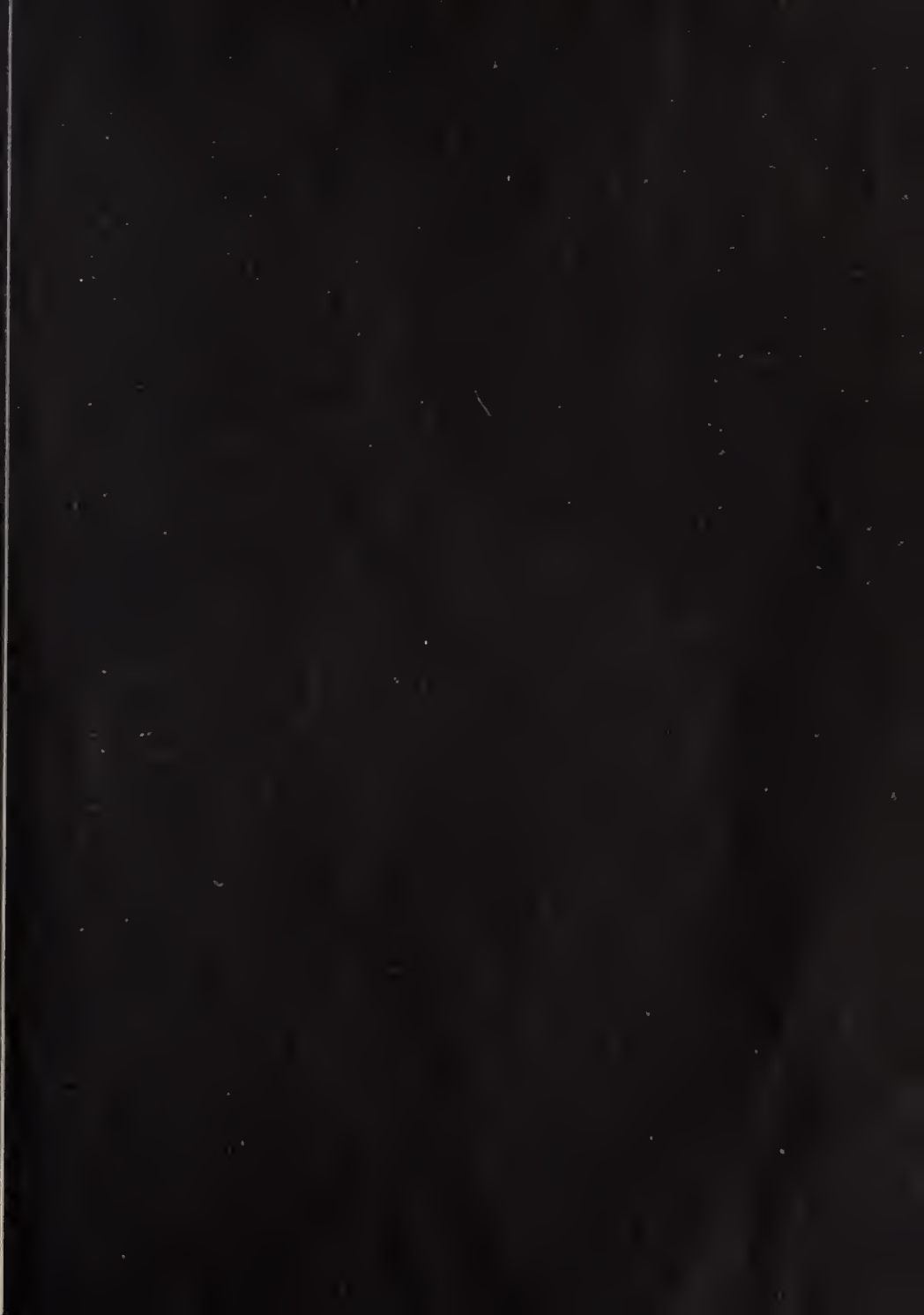
BRANCH.—Mrs. R. Coburn, of Whitewater, Treas. Clintonville, 10; Platteville, 25,	35 00
SPECIAL: Milwaukee, Pilgrim Ch., Mrs. L. C. Holton, for Bible woman in India, 25; Waupun, Mrs. H. H. Hoard, 10,	35 00
JUVENILE: Bristol and Paris M. B., for pupil in Hadjin Home, Turkey,	35 00
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Less expenses,	2 10
Total,	102 90

JAPAN.

Y. P. S. C. E. of Japan	30 07
Total,	30 07

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sale of leaflets, 17.67; envelopes, 1.47; boxes, 17.65; articles donated, sold at Annual Meeting, 10.95; cash, 25 cts.,	47 99
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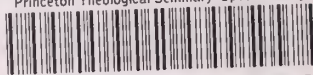


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